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Sept. 29, 1873 - Sept. 27, 1875

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U.S. MINT

LETTERS

No. 10

From Sep.r 29th 1873

To FEBRUARY 28th 1874

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Sept 29 3.

Sir,

I have this day deposited with the Asst Treas. U.S. at Philadelphia, to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States, the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars, in silver coin, on account of profits on Silver Coinage; and herewith enclose the Certificate, No. 139.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon Wm A. Richardson
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington
D.C.

Sept 29. 3

Sir,

Please forward to the Secretary of the Treasury, the enclosed letter of this date, transmitting a Certificate of deposit, No. 139, for Fifteen thousand Dollars in Silver coin, on account of profits on Silver coinage.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon St. R. Sinderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Sept 30th 3

Sir

Enclosed I forward.

1. Statement of "Minor coins Exchanged" at this Mint during the month of September 1873. under the 20th Section of the Coinage Act of 1873.

2. Statement of "Minor coins Redeemed" at this Mint during the month of September 1873. under the same Act.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Superintendent

Hon

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C

Sept 30th 3

Sir

Respectfully referring to your letter of the 2d of August ult. I herewith enclose a report of the denominations, and character of the gold and silver coins pertaining to the Bullion Fund of the Mint on hand in my office, at the close of business to day, the 30th of September inst.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Superintendent

Hon

Wm A Richardson

Secretary of the Treasury

Washington

D.C

Sept 30th 3

Gentlemen

The deposit spoken of in your letter of the 28th inst. has been thoroughly examined, and there is nothing wrong here. The loss in melting is not unusual here; in fact, less than the average. There is no doubt about the correctness of the assay. The deposit contains a large proportion of silver 220/1000, and only 767/1000 gold. The silver shows plainly in the piece, and this accounts for the variance from the imperfect calculations made for you.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Messrs

Wright & Mason.

Saint Louis

Mo.

Sept 30th 2

Sir

At the close of business this day I made the usual monthly count and examination of the monies in the hands of the Cashier of the Mint with the following result

Gold	$647.248.91
Silver	97.246.71
Ordinary a/c Regular	5.472.03
do " Minor Coinage	3.201.13
Minor Coinage	77.620.20
Minor Coins Exchanged	584.64
do do Reissued	17.230.00
do do Redemption Fund.	139.814.85
Total	$988.017.97

which corresponds with his books.

I also made examination into the general conditions and operations of the Mint and the Institution

was found to be in good working order, and its business conducted in a careful and satisfactory manner.

Very Respectfully
J. A. Colwell
Superintendent

Hon
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.
Washington
D.C.

Oct 1. 9

Sir,

In reply to your inquiry of the 30th ult Sept. ult. I have to report that the number of $1.00, $2½ and $5. gold pieces, constituting part of the Bullion Fund of the Mint, is as follows, viz.

Denomination.	Number of Pieces.	Amount.
$1.00	596	$596.00
$2½	2,792	6,980.00
$5.00	1,094	5,470.00

Very Respectfully

J. R. Pollock

Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington D.C.

Oct 1st 3

Sir

In reply to your inquiry of the 29th of Sept I have to state that the proceeds of your deposit ($193.45 in gold coin) were forwarded to your address by Adams Express Co. Sept 29th 1873.

Very Respty
Jas. Colebel
Supt

Mr.
John M Twichell
Hyde Park
Mass.

Oct 1st 9

Sir

I duly received your letter of the 7th of June last, suggesting a mode by which to increase our Silver Bullion Fund, and requesting my views upon the subject. An earlier reply has been inadvertantly delayed.

The plan you propose, to first increase the Gold Bullion Fund, and then purchase a corresponding amount in fine silver bars, and pay for it in gold coin, is an admirable one, and meets my entire approval. But as we shall be running largely on gold for some months to come, and have an abundance of silver for our current necessities, an increase of our Silver Bullion Fund does not seem to be necessary at this time.

Very Respectfully

J. W. Pollock

Superintendent

Hon

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint &c.

Oct 1st 73

Sir

Enclosed I forward Statement of Deposits and Coinage at this Mint during the month of September 1873.

Very Respectfully
E. D. Leech
Superintendent

Hon
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Oct 1st 3

Sir.

I have appointed Henry H Hague. Laborer in the Mint under the Superintendents jurisdiction. at $2.75 per diem. to take effect as soon as the appointment is confirmed. and the required oath taken.

This appointment is made upon the special. and strong recommendation of Hon A. L Elmer M. C. and I hope will meet your approval.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Superintendent

Hon
R. M. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C

Oct 1st 2

Sir

I have this day deposited with the Asst Treasurer U. S at Philadelphia, to the credit of the Treasurer U.S. the sum of Seventy thousand dollars ($70.000) on account of Minor Coinage profits, and herewith enclose the certificate. No 147.

Very Respectfully
E. A. Rollwood
Superintendent

Hon.
Wm. L. Richardson
Secretary of the Treasury.
Washington
D.C.

Oct 1st 3

Sir

Please forward to the Secretary of the Treasury the enclosed letter transmitting b/e. of this date No-147. for $7,000. on a/c of Minor Coinage profits.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Superintendent

Hon
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C

Oct 2d.

Sir

Your letter of the 29th of Sept. and mineral enclosed, has been received. It is the common Sulphate of iron, (iron ore) and of no value as an ore.

Yours Respty
[illegible]
Supt

Mr
Chas Grimes,
Centre Mills
Pa

October 2d 3

Sir:

Your letter of the 30th of September, ultimo, approved by the Secretary of the Treasury, fixing the Gold Coinage of the Mint at Ten Millions in dollars per month, in Double Eagles, until otherwise instructed; and directing the work to proceed during extra hours; has been received.

The operative departments of the Mint have been set to work accordingly, and will be held to the specified rate of production as long as the Department may require it.

I will make such extra demands upon our current appropriations as I may find to be necessary, and in compliance with your suggestion will submit timely estimates, for the action of Congress, of the amount that may be required to cover any deficiency in Wages and Incidentals.

Weekly reports of Coinage will be regularly forwarded.

Please say to your friends in New York to send on their gold.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Hon. N. R. Snideman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Superintendent

October 1st. 3

Sir:

In accordance with instructions from the Director of the Mint, approved by the Secretary of the Treasury, you will please furnish me at the close of business every Saturday, a statement of the amount of Coinage executed during the week.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Collins
Supt.

A. Loudon Snowden Esq
Coiner of the Mint.

October 2d 3

Sir:

Yours of the 13th of August and 16th of Sept. ult. in relation to deductions on Gold deposits, and requesting me to furnish you with the opinions of the Assayer & Melter & Refiner and my own conclusions in the case, were duly received. The summer vacation and its consequents have prevented an earlier reply.

Your letters were submitted to the Assayer & Melter & Refiner & their opinions in the case obtained as requested. Copies of the same are herewith enclosed

After a careful trial thus far of the Regulations of Aug 1st 1873, I am fully satisfied that no change should be made at the present in the schedule. Under it the right of the Government & depositor are fully & equally protected. The present system works well & satisfactorily. Should time and experience develope defects they can be remedied when discovered. I fully concur in the opinions expressed in the letters of the Assayer and Melter & Refiner

Very Respectfully

J. A. Preston

Supt

Hon. N. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington. D.C

Oct 2d 1

Sir:

Upon the subject of Silver dollars of Mexico, recently coined at Chihuahua Mint, referred to in your letters dated Sept 18 and 22, I have the following to offer as furnished me by our Assayer, Mr DuBois.

The detailed statement from the New York office, limited to dollars of 1873, gives the variation in weight, from 407.1 to 430.7 grains; and the average fineness 904.

This surprising carelessness is only a continuation of what they have been doing for several years; whether with the old dies or the new. Thus I find, of old dies, since 1870, 406.6 to 425.6 grains; of new dies, 407.7 to 423.2. The fineness is also irregular, and generally quite above their legal standard.

Although the coinage at that Mint is considerable, and by contiguity is apt to find its way into our country, yet as it is only one Mint out of seven or eight, we should not attach undue importance to its issues. A large lot of promiscuous Mexican dollars gave

The fineness 900/e. The weight averages 416 to 416½ grains.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Superintendent

Hon. N. R. Snideman

Director of the Mint

Washington D.C.

Oct 2d 3

Sir:

In your letter transmitting to me a copy of Prof. Rogers report, you referred to certain blanks in the same and requested Mr Cowperthwaite by whom the Report had been transcribed for the Prof. in July last, to fill the blanks if he could & inform you of the additions.

Mr Cowperthwaite having called upon Prof. Rogers for the data to fill in the blanks was informed by him that he was aware of its incompleteness, and would furnish to you all that is needed for its completion at an early day.

The experiments of Prof. Rogers on the Gold clipping are interesting, and confirm the views I often expressed on that subject, as also the opinion of Prof. Booth.

I furnished a copy of your letter of the 8th of August ult. containing certain recommendations from Prof. Rogers Report in reference to the Assaying and reporting of Silver Ingots for Coinage, to the Assayer, Melter & Refiner & Coiner.

I have also placed the full report

in the hands of Prof. Booth for his examination and will hand it to Mr DuBois & Mr Snowden when Prof. Booth has completed the reading of the same.

Very Respectfully

James Pollock

Superintendent

Hon. N. R. Leidemann
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Oct 3d 3

Sir

In answer to your enquiry of the 2d inst. I have to state that the $14.200 in 5c nickels coined during the month of September, were in process of manufacture at the time the Secretary's order was received suspending the Minor coinage, and we merely finished up the work on hand which was necessary in itself, as well as to fill our large arrearage of orders.

The same explanation also applies to the Dimes coined during the month. the purchases already having been made, and the parties interested pressing us for the coin. No more of the latter will be coined for the present.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Superintendent

Hon

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint &c.

Oct 3d 3

Sir

Your letter of the 1st inst. has been received.

In reply to your inquiry. I have to state that the U. S. Mint never coined a 12½ cent piece.

Your's Resptly

J. A. Powell
Supt.

Mr. John Bowman
110 Bowery
New York

Oct 3d 3

Sir,

The appointment of Henry H. Hague, as Laborer in the Mint, has been confirmed by the Department.

Please cause him to subscribe to the enclosed oath before an Alderman, and report for duty at once, and bring the oath with him.

Very Respty

J. [illegible]

Supt

Hon.
A. C. Harmer M.C.
Philada
Pa

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Hon. A. R. Linderman
Director &c. &c.
Sir

I have your letter, calling for the Annual Tables of Foreign Coins. They will be ready in a few days.

In the meantime, I write to know, how we shall value the Silver coins. The Mint price, 120 cents per oz. std, seems quite at fault for two reasons. First, it is much higher than the present market price; & secondly, it is a price payable in coin of limited legal tender.

I suggest the propriety of taking some other basis, as we have none by law; and as silver is now hardly worth 104 cents, (in gold,) how would it do to let the Trade dollar stand for a dollar,

which would be equal to 114 2/7 cents per ounce; and then value foreign coin accordingly. The valuation at 120 is a fiction, and commercially a delusion.

In this connection, I ask you to consider further, whether there ought not to be some fixed legal valuation of silver, other than the rate for small coin; and whether it would not be well to ask the next Congress to make the trade dollar a coin for home valuation, as well as for foreign traffic.

Very respy
Your obt Servt

Jas. Pollock
Superintendent

Oct 2d 2

Sir

We are waiting gold from New York. Have so notified Mr Hillhouse Asst. Treasurer and Mr Acton Supt to-day office.

Please notify them from your office.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
DC

We delivered for transportation to Asst. Treasurer New York. Oct 1st (Double Eagles) $400.000
" 2 " " 200.000
" 3 " " 300.000
also " 1 Asst Treas Phila ... 342.000

Oct 2d 3

Sir

We are ready to receive gold bullion in any form, (bars or coin) for coinage.

Please forward.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

T. B. Acton. Esq.
Supt: Assay office U.S
New York

Oct 3d 3

Sir

We are ready to receive gold bullion in any form (bars or coin) for coinage.

Please forward.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Thos. Hillhouse. Esq
Asst Treasurer. U. S
New York

Oct 3d 3

Sir

I have recently had the pleasure of making an exchange of newly struck specimen coins, with the Hon Col. H. Hyde, Master of Her Majestys Mint at Calcutta. By this negotiation we have received fine proof pieces of Indian Coinage, in gold, silver, and copper, for the Cabinet of this Mint; and are enabled to give statistics of the same in the annual Tables of Foreign Coins, to be appended to your Report.

I also offer, as a contribution to that Report, and as a matter of general interest, some facts which have been elicited by correspondence with the very able Head of that Mint, just named. I may mention the the interchange above stated.

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stated was initiated by Col. Hyde, and I was most happy to respond to the courtesy, and spirit of inquiry thus manifested. At the same time I took the opportunity to ask some questions, - that we Americans, the chief producers and shippers of silver, might better understand why the farther nations of Asia, including Hindustan British India, should so long, and so unceasingly be the great gulf, so to speak, into which our silver is swept, and from whence it does not return.

I will first quote what he says, and follow it with a few remarks.

"Regarding your question as to what becomes of the vast amount of silver which flows into India; - It has to supply a currency for upwards of one hundred and sixty millions of people as well as the bullion required for trade and manufacturing purposes

Sometime since I abstracted the totals from the Mint books, and I found that the total silver coinage issued from the Mint was, at the end 1869. Rupees 1,896.115.781: which gives per head of population Rs. 11.85.

"The existing currency has only been in circulation since the year 1835: all other currencies having been withdrawn and recoined. Hence the issue has been Rs. 11.13.7 of Indian currency per head, during thirty five years.

"The waste in the currency during this period must have been great as in India most of the jewels and plate were formerly made from coin. Hence this amount must have been much diminished, and the amount in actual circulation is far below what I have given as the issue.

"In addition to this there are the native States whose population

I have not included, and who all have their own currencies.

"I estimate that about £1.200.00 of bullion is yearly consumed in arts and jewelry in India.

For a better understanding of these figures, it should be stated that the rupee of British India, according to its legal weight and fineness, and at our present buying price (of 120 cents per ounce nine-tenths fine), is 46.8 cents. This makes, in our figures, the enormous coinage of 809.180.000. in thirty five years; nearly twenty five millions on an annual average. Then if we add to this, nearly six million dollars annually used in the arts, we can understand why there is such a market in the East for the silver of the United States, and Mexico. Most of it, indeed, does not go there by direct trade, but through the

the great specie market of London. and after all. the "specie reserve" is less than four and a half dollars per capita. for rich and poor.

These authentic facts have a value for us, though living on the other side of the globe.

It will of course be understood that gold does not enter at all into the currency there. In thirty five years they have coined only 1,266,282. mohurs. say 8,990.000 dollars. which makes but an inconsiderable annual rate. but it comes into use for special purposes, but is not a legal tender.

The Mint Laws of British India have been consolidated and amended by the Act of 6th September 1870. without altering the previous standards of gold and silver coin.

In this connection it will not be amiss to remark, that notwithstanding

the imposing array of silver currency, there has been, since the Act of 1861. "to provide for a Government Paper Currency" a large amount of paper money in use. The latest Act upon that subject bears the date of 20th January 1871: showing that it is a permanent and growing institution. The natives will not accept any thing but metallic money, silver or copper: but the commercial cities, and business centres require this facility, and extension of currency. The smallest note is for five rupees: rather less than 2½ dollars. All paper money is issued by the Government only: and the issue has this important feature, that it is (in the language of the Act) "in exchange for the amount thereof in current silver coin of the Government of India or in exchange for the amount thereof in silver bullion, or foreign silver coin"

at a rate specified. So that the silver is deposited with the Government for safe keeping, and for the convenience of having paper money, of equal value.

By the latest printed returns, the amount of this Specie paper was about one hundred and thirty millions of rupees, say sixty millions of dollars.

The amount of copper coined in the period mentioned, most of which must now be in circulation, is Rs. 27,408,000, equal to 17,156,000 dollars. This, being a little over ten cents per head, is not so large as we supposed.

In a printed Report dated in the present year, Col. Hyde remarks that the currency "is far from complete, it being a fact that in the remote parts of this vast country, coin has not yet superseded barter."

Such is a brief and condensed view

view of the monetary supply of a people numbering, probably, one-seventh of the whole population of the globe; or we may say nearly one-third of all that make use of what is respectable enough to be called money; counting out the mis-named "cash" and "coonies."

Very Respectfully

J. A. Bolles

Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Oct 4th 3

Sir

The redemption of 5¢ nickel coins has so largely fallen off that the reissue fails to keep pace with the demand. We are now about $20.000. behind the orders on file, some of which are received nearly two months ago. It is a great inconvenience to bankers to have their funds locked up in this way in these pinching times. We ought either to furnish the coin, or refund the money.

The demand for the 5¢ coins is so importunate, that I must suggest, and respectfully urge, that an appeal be made to the Secretary to authorize a resumption of this coinage, so far as may be necessary to accommodate the business community; with the un-

derstanding

that it shall not interfere with the gold coinage for the Government. The nickel coinage can be readily adjusted to the other work of the Mint and carried on in such occasional intervals as may occur in the gold coinage, thus economizing time, and not embarassing the Treasury. It is with this understanding that I ask for the desired order to resume the nickel coinage. Its necessity is obvious.

Very Respectfully
J. A. Pollock
Superintendent

Hon
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Octr 4 3

Hon. A.R. Lendennan
Director &c. &c.

Sir

In addition to my request of yesterday, I ask direction as to the making-up of the Table of Gold Coins.

Hitherto we have reported two kinds of Values; one direct from the weight and fineness; the other after Mint Charge. This latter has now to be altered throughout.

I propose to avoid this ambiguity by making only one column of values; with a foot-note, that when such coins are brought to the Mint, they are subject to a deduction of one-fifth of one per cent.

There is but one column of values in the Silver Table. Very respy

J. A. Culbertson

Oct 4 3

Result of the examination of a specimen of galena (two pieces) received from George W. Ross Esq. Knoxville, Tennessee, September 15th

The specimen contains gold, at the rate of one and a half ounces, to the ton of 2000 lbs. Say $31.00 – thirty one dollars.

It contains only a trace of silver.

The mint charge, five dollars, paid.

W. E. DuBois, assayer.

Dear Sir

I forward the Report on your mineral. The result is rather unusual, as we generally expect silver, rather than gold, in galena.

Whether it will pay to work, will depend upon various economic questions, the price of labor, &c. &c.

We have no copies of the "widow's mi

Resp'y yours

[illegible]
Superintendent

Oct 4th.

Sir

I have this morning received from the New York Assay office 22 boxes deposit Silver of which $42.187. is for Trade Dollars, and $1.625. for Dimes.

With the present demand upon us for Gold Coinage, as ordered by the Secretary of the Treasury, we have not sufficient room in our vaults for this accumulation of Silver, and the coinage of dimes for exportation being virtually suspended by your letter of the 2d inst. I respectfully suggest that the Assay Office be requested to withhold invoices of Silver until the pressure for gold coinage is abated, and the Mint be thus in a better condition to receive them, and make returns in coin.

Very Respectfully

Hon. H. R. Linderman,
Director of the Mint &c.

Sir,

U.S. Mint, Phila. Oct 4. 1873.

Above please find weekly Statement of Coinage forwarded in accordance with your instructions.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Pollock
Supt.

Hon. W. P. Sinderman
Director of the Mint

Oct. 6th 3

To the Cashier, U. S. Mint
Phila.
Pa

Sir:

You will deliver to the Melter & Refiner for Melting and Recoinage, Nine Thousand (9000.00) Dollars in 2¢ Bronze Coin, from the Base Coinage Redemption Fund as per authority of the Director of the Mint, in his letter and telegram of 24th April 1870

Very Respectfully
J. A. Powell
Superintendent

Oct 6th 3

Sir

Enclosed I forward oath of allegiance of Miss Gertrude Harris, recently appointed assistant adjuster in this Mint.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Oct 6th 3

Sir

Respectfully referring to your letter "S. G." of August 5th 1873. I herewith enclose a Mint Memorandum of the recoinage of $709.00 small silver coin received from the U.S. Depositary at Louisville Ky. showing a loss on recoinage of $62.01.

The nett amount realized $647.99 has been carried to the credit of the Bullion Fund, and the loss accounted for in the usual way, according to your directions.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Supt

Hon
L. E. Spinner
Treasurer U. S.
Washington
DC

Oct 6th 3

Sir

$4.285. gold, and $8.059 48. silver (nominal value) which you forwarded to the Mint on the 15th of September ult. by Express. on T.O. No 1678. as announced in your letter "S.G." of that date, have been duly received and recoined, with a loss on the gold of $29.61, and a gain on the silver of $224.23, as per the two enclosed Mint Memorandums.

The nett gold $4,255 39. was forwarded to the Assistant Treasurer U.S at New York, September 22d ult. and the silver $8.283 71 added to the Bullion Fund, and the profit and loss adjusted as per your directions.

Very Respectfully

[signature]

Superintendent

Hon.
F. E. Spinner
Treasurer U.S. &c

Oct 6th 3

Sir

Your postal card of the 2d inst has been received.

As a matter of accommodation the Mint makes assays of mineral specimens, for gold and silver, only, at a charge of $5. for each specimen, to cover the expense of the assay. A fair sample should be sent, say as large as a walnut, and should be accompanied by the money.

Very Respty

J. A. Pollock

Supt.

Rev. J Litch
Mc Indoes Falls
Vt.

Oct 6th

Sir

Enclosed I forward Statement of Deposits at this Mint, during the month of September 1873.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Oct 7th 73

Sir

Your letter of the 1st inst suggesting error in memorandum No 198. Sept 23.d 1873, of silver bullion, has been received.

After careful examination, and re-calculation no error was discovered, except that the clerk omitted to deduct 50¢ Mint charges, which deduction makes the amt $143.

The price of silver payable in half dollars is $1.20 per standard ounce. On this basis the calculation in the memorandum was made. Payable in trade dollars the price would be about $1.14 per stand oz.

I enclose duplicate memorandum.

Yours Respty

J. A. Powell
Supt.

Mr. Geo Wolf.
Cr. 5th & Market Sts.
Louisville, Ky

Oct 7th 3

Sir

The 228 gold bars, by Express, stamped value $1,040085.55, mentioned in your letter of the 6th inst, have been recvd.

The gold coinage of the Mint is now confined exclusively to double eagles, at the rate of $10,000,000. per month, by order of the Secretary of the Treasury, without whose sanction your requisition for $4,000,000. in gold coins of less denomination than the double eagle, cannot be met.

I have forwarded a copy of your letter to the Director of the Mint, for the consideration of the Secretary, and await his instructions.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Thos. Hillhouse Esq.
Asst. Treasurer U. S.
New York.

Oct 7th 3

Sir

Enclosed I forward for your information, a copy of a letter received this morning from the Asst Treasurer U.S. at New York, requesting gold coinage to the amount of $4,000,000, of denominations below the double eagle, for bars now in any hands, and to ~~[illegible]~~ arrive.

It would take several months to fill this order for the smaller gold coin, if the Mint was not running exclusively on double eagles. I have notified Mr Hillhouse of the requirements of the Department with regard to double eagles, and that a copy of his letter would be forwarded to you for the Secretarys consideration.

Shall we continue to coin double eagles exclusively, as directed by the Secretary, or shall we turn aside to fill Mr Hillhouse's order?

Please let me have immediate instructions.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Superintendent

Hon
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington
D.C.

Oct 7th 2

Sir

Enclosed I forward the oath of allegiance of Henry Haigh, recently appointed Laborer in the Mint.

The name was incorrectly given as Henry C. Hague, in my letter to you of the 1st inst.

Please make the correction

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Superintendent

Hon.

H. R. Linderman.

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

Copy to 3

Sir

Referring to your personal letter of May 7/73. and your letter of Sept 16/73 "in relation to placing our gold product in a more convenient form for commercial purposes than bars or coin" and suggesting the striking of a disc of the value of $73. and which will be nearly £15. And asking my views as to the feasibility of striking such disc - its cost &c. I have the honor to reply, that I have given the subject the attention it deserves, and also consulted with some of the operative officers of the Mint in relation thereto. who fully concur with my views as herein expressed.

1. We have no machinery now in the Mint, used for coinage, of sufficient power to prepare, and strike the discs described.

Our-

our cutting and coining presses could not do the work.

A disc of the value you suggest would be about two inches in diameter, and over 1/8 of an inch in thickness. - the size of our ordinary two inch medals. This could not be struck on the largest press we have, as more than one blow would be required, to bring out the relief &c. They could however be cut out as medal planchets, and struck on the screw press, on which medals are struck: but this would be a slow, and very expensive process.

2. From what has been said, new and more powerful cutting and coining presses would be required, could a toggle jointed press be constructed of sufficient power to strike such a disc at a single blow? Perhaps it could; but the cost of such a press would be from

from $20. to $25,000. The cutting presses as now used, would also require to be much enlarged and strengthened. Our present cutting presses are strong, but in cutting the trade dollar planchets they are tested to their utmost capacity, breaks being frequent, and but recently one of the iron shafts, very strong, in one of these presses, broke.

My opinion, and that of the officers consulted is, that new machinery in the form of screw presses, for cutting and coining, must be used, and as this is a slow and expensive operation, as before indicated, I doubt whether a disc could be made that would justify the Government, on the score of economy, or public and commercial advantage, in incurring the labor and expense necessary to produce them.

3. If coined, and at a reasonable rate, and rapidity, what advantage would the

the commercial community at home or abroad derive from their introduction? What advantage would they possess over our fine, or unparted gold bars stamped with the Government weight, fineness and value? I cannot discover any. We know that all foreign gold coin and bars when shipped to the U. S. are sent to the Mints, placed in the pots - melted and recoined. and also that foreign nations do the same with our coin and bars, - treating all as bullion, receiving them only as such, and determining their value by re-weighing and re-assaying. England would not deem the £ 15. as sufficient certificate of value; nor would our yielding to her national selfishness, in adopting that measure of value, make the matter any better. It might however make France, Germany, and other nations feel that we were complimenting their gold coins, and money denominations, by quietly making our gold disc to correspond to

to a certain number of English pounds sterling.

4. It is already but too easy, and profitable to wear out and fill our thick dumpy eagles how much more a piece of this huge size.

I confess I do not regard the preparation of such a disc, as either important or desirable commercially. It would create no greater demand for our gold nor in any manner better than our gold coin and bars, facilitate the operations of commerce or exchange.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Superintendent.

Hon.
Wm. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.
Washington

Oct 7 3

Hon. H. W. Linderman
Director &c &c
Sir

In accordance with your directions, the samples of silver containing gold, from Carson Mint, were melted together and yield as follows:

In Gold coin	22.72
In Silver coin	18.12
	$40.84

Which I ~~herewith~~ forward by Express requesting your acknowledgment of receipt.

Very respectfully
your obt Servt
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Octr 8 3

Dear Sir

There is nothing of any value in the stones you sent, except the black, which is a pretty good iron ore. The others have little specks of mica & pyrites which shine and look valuable, but they are nothing.

Yours &c.

Jos. A. Enoch

Mr Simeon Ott
Griffithsville
Lincoln Co.
W. Va.

Oct 8th 3

Sir.

In compliance with your request of the 7th inst. I have to state that the profits accruing on the manufacture of Medals during the fiscal year ending June 30th 1873, amounted to the sum of $2.011.42.

This does not include the profits derived from the sale of proof coins during the same period, which amounted to the sum of $1.220.28.

Very Respectfully
J. P. Colwell
Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman,
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C

Oct 8th 3

Sir-

The following is my statement of accounts and settlements for sundry parcels of gold and silver coin, stated to be assets of National Banks, and forwarded by you.

Your first lot, received 1st inst, see letter dated Sept 26/73, nominally $35.50. yields in gold coin $35.29.

Your second lot received Oct 1st inst, see letter dated Sept 30/73, nominally $62.75. yields in silver coin $60.81.

Your third lot received 4th inst, nominally $49.00 yields in silver coin $47.05. in gold coin $49.00. Total gold and silver $145.85.

I herewith enclose certificates of deposit numbered as under with the Asst Treasurer U.S. at Philadelphia for the respective

amounts, to your credit in transfer account, as requested.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Superintendent

Hon.
L. R. Tuttle
Asst Treasurer U. S
Washington
D.C.

Oct 9th 3

Sir

Your telegram of the 8th inst. directing shipment of small coin ordered August 13th has been received.

In reply I have to inform you that the coin were shipped yesterday, the 8th inst. by Express.

Yours Respty
Jas Pollock
Supt
per Wh? Secy

Mr J A Guion, Cashr
Newberne
N C

Oct 9th 8

Sir

Your letter of the 8th inst making enquiry in regard to small coin ordered has been received.

In reply I have to inform you that the coin will be forwarded by the 18th inst. at the latest.

Yours Respty
Jas Pollock
Supt
per W.C.P. Secy

Mr
Wm L Whitney. Cashr.
Miners Nat Bank
Pottsville
Pa

Octr. 8th 3

Sir.

In answer to your letter of the 7th inst inquiring if the gain of $194 62 Silver Coin on the $8059 4/8 Santa Fe Coin, should not be deposited with the Asst Treasurer here and then placed to your credit in the Bullion Fund by Transfer Order instead of by a direct entry, is received.

As your instructions under date of September 15th were positive, requesting me to place the above to the credit of the Bullion Fund, it was done, and it sums to me that such was the proper course to pursue, inasmuch as you have credit for it there as being in the Treasury. It is desirable that the accounts

should be clear an explicit in transactions of this kind, and I would respectfully suggest that the method adopted be adhered to, unless it be found inadvisable.

Very Respectfully Yours
J. A. Rogers
Supt.

Hon. F. E. Spinner
Treasurer U. S.
Washington
D. C.

Oct 8 3

John C. Pickett Esq.

Dear Sir,

Through press of business I have delayed replying to yours of 26th ult. I thank you for the additional specimen, and as you suggest, I return the morocco case of the former, by Adams Express. One of the coins in it is an Electrotype from a silver coin of Corinth, in the Mint Cabinet; which is apropos to your antiquarian taste.

The other Mints have no collections of coins and medals, and therefore I would not advise your sending to them, as you intimate.

Very respectfully

J. A. Pollock

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Octr. 10 3

Hon. Thomas C. Acton
Superintendent &c.

Sir

As you are receiving British sovereigns in quantity, I would be obliged to you if you will select a few of those bearing the mint marks M and S (Melbourne and Sydney in Australia) which are under the head, or the shield, and have them melted, and assayed; M and S separately. Ten pieces of each will be enough. Their fineness should be the same as the London issue. I ~~need~~ miss this in making up a Table for the Annual Report; but if it gives any trouble, I can do without it.

Very respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt &c

Oct 10th 3

Sir

In compliance with your request of the 10th of September, ult. I herewith forward Statement of Deposits and Purchases of Bullion at this Mint, during the fiscal Year ending June 30. 1873.

Very Respectfully
J. P. Bowen
Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Oct 10th 3

Sir

I herewith forward my report of assay coins and deliveries at this Mint, during the Quarter ending September 30, 1873.

Very Respectfully
J. P. Pollock
Superintendent.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Oct 10th 3

Sir

Your letter of the Ninth has been received.

In reply I have to inform you, that the "old English quarter" is a shilling of George I. value. about 24 cts. and the old "Spanish quarter" is a pistareen of Charles III. value. about 18.1 cts. Neither piece is worth more than their intrinsic value.

Yours Respty

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A. Hengst.
Margaretta Furnace.
Your bo
Pa.

Oct 10th ,?

Sir

Enclosed I forward list of Officers and Clerks of this Mint, with their salaries; where born, and where appointed from.

Very Respectfully

A. Patterson

Superintendent

Hon.
R. Leiderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C

Telegram

Oct 10 3

Hon A R Linderman Dir. U S Mint
New York Assay Office. N.Y.
Send four Millions gold & we can return three Millions
in double Eagles by the 18th inst.

Jas Pollock
Supt.

Oct 10th 3

Sir

In compliance with your request of the 8th inst, I have had prepared, and herewith forward, the following Statements,

1. Minor Coins Redeemed, from March 27. 1871. to June 30. 1873.

2. Minor Coins Reissued, from August 24. 1871. to June 30. 1873.

3. Minor Coins Exchanged, during the fiscal year ending June 30. 1873.

It is proper to add that I furnished the above information to you by mail, together with other documents, on the 18th of July last, but cheerfully duplicate the Statements in accordance with your wishes.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Cascoch

Superintendent

Hon.

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint &c.

October 11th 3

Sir:

In compliance with your directions under date of Aug 16th and 19th respectively, I herewith forward comparative statements of Coinage and Bars, during the following periods.

Last quarter of 1871 – 72
First do " 1872 – 73
Last do " 1872 – 73
First do " 1873 – 74

I also enclose statements of expenses and earnings during the same periods.

Very Respectfully
A. Pollock
Superintendent

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Oct 11. 3.

Sir,

Enclosed I forward Statement of Coinage during the week Ending Saturday, Oct 11. 1873.

Very Respectfully

J.A. Postell

Supt

Hon. H.R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington D.C.

Oct 13th 2

Sir

Your letter of the recent date, has been received.

In reply I would state, that we do not use the test needles, and do not know where they are to be had.

Yours Resptly
J. W. Powell
Supt

Mr
C. N. Wood
Washington
D.C.

Oct. 13th 3

Sir.

The amount of $409.32 Silver 3p. Coin received from you for re coinage, goes into the accounts as bullion, is regularly weighed, assayed and calculated at the tale value and the Silver Coinage a/c. is charged and your Bullion Fund credited with the net value, Viz- $347.22. The loss, $62.01, must of necessity be adjusted on the books of the general Treasury, as it must be clear that the Mint Bullion Fund and Profit & Loss a/c. cannot be respectively charged and credited with that which neither have received. In the case of a gain, as in the Santa Fe Coin, your a/c (Bullion Fund) receives the credit, unless we are other

wise instructed.

Your transfer of Minor Coins to the Mint goes into a distinct a/c. and is not mingled with the Gold or Silver, so that any loss from the recoinage of Gold or Silver, would not be borne against your "Nickel a/c." As stated before, your Bullion Fund should receive credit for the sum of $347.29, the actual value of the Silver received, and was so disposed of in the books of the Mint. Section 27th of the Mint Law requires that only the "Wastage" and "Expense of Distributing" the Silver Coins shall be paid from the Silver Profits, so that, even were it otherwise proper to bear outside losses, this Section of the Law would prohibit it.

Trusting that the above will prove

Satisfactory

Hon F. E. Spinner
Treasurer U.S.
Washington

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully Yours
J. A. Pollock
Supt.

Oct 13th 3

Sir

I have to day received by Express, the box of Assay coins from your Mint for the Quarter ending Sept 30. 1873. specified in your letter of the 3d inst.

I have also received the package of $21.50 special assay coins from the first deliveries in the month of Sept. 1873.

The special assay coins $21.00. for the month of August. 1873. announced in your letter of Sept 9th. were duly received, and placed in the hands of our Assyer.

Very Respectfully
[signature]
Supt.

O. H. La Grange, Esq
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.
Cal.

Octr. 13th 3

Sir.

Enclosed I hand you C/D. No. 181 of the Asst. Treas'r. U. S. for $1941.62 Silver Coin, being the profits on the recoinage of $8059.48 Santa Fe Coin, deposited to the credit of the Treasurer U. S, and returned to the Bullion Fund of the Mint per Transfer Order No. 1755 — under the instructions of the Treasurer U.S. per letter dated October 11th 1873.

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully Your
obt. Servt.
Jos. Pollock
Supt.

Hon. W. A. Richardson
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington
D. C.

Oct. 13 3

Hon. N. R. Linderman
Director &c. &c.

Sir

Your letter of the 6th, calls for a Schedule or Inventory of the Coins, Medals, and other Specimens in the Cabinet of the Mint, with the values, &c.

As soon as we have completed and forwarded sundry papers intended for the Annual Report, this will be attended to.

A summary schedule could be ready in a few days, but a particular Inventory of each piece, will require some weeks, perhaps months. It is however altogether a proper check, and useful in other respects, to place such a document on file at the seat of Government; so far as it is capable of being made out.

We can give the name and country of each coin, except some few Oriental pieces; but the value of each cannot be specified. Very many of them were obtained at bullion value, by the (then) Assistant Assayer receiving deposits, and rescuing many pieces of great value & scarcity from being melted up. An equal number, perhaps more, were procured at market prices, sometimes singly, sometimes by the lump. Coins of the U.S. (except in a few cases) cost merely their intrinsic value, and medals struck here cost nothing.

We can, however, give the cost of the whole, coins, medals, ores &c, which I am happy to say, would probably bring almost double, in the present market.

The whole number of coins and medals at this time is 6484; and the whole cost of these, and of the minerals, gems, ores, nuggets &c is $12,443.—

Very respectfully,

J. R. Snowden Supt

Oct 13th 73

Sir

Your letter of the 11th inst has been rec'd.

The only Trade Dollars the Mint has for sale, are proof coins, struck on a hand press from polished dies, as specimen pieces, and not for circulation. The price of these is $1.50 in silver, half dollars and quarters, or $1.70 in currency. We could not take your small silver coin for this purpose, except by weight at par, the loss, if any, falling on you.

The regular coin dealers in Philadelphia would probably take your small coin at their face value, if unmutilated, and give you commercial Trade Dollars (struck on steam

pressed from the ordinary dies)
for $1.20 each in silver or $1.25 in currency. If you prefer it put in this case you would have to get the Adams Express Agent to make the purchase for you. The Mint could not act as your Agent.

Very Respt to
Jas Pollock
Supt

Mr. W. H. Whisel
Everett
Pa

Oct 14th 73

Sir

I have sent you per Adams Express the Robinson Medal ordered by you Oct 6th 1873, Also have enclosed for the Secretary of the Treasury duplicate vouchers for him to sign and return with duplicate Bills for $224.00 payable in Gold, You will please deliver the same to the Secretary and see that he forwards the vouchers and draft

Respectfully yours

A. Pollock

Superintendent

Hon J. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

Oct 14th 73

Sir

I herewith enclose duplicate receipted Bills for the Witherson medal ordered by the Director of the Mint in his letter of the Oct 6th 1873 also dupl.e Voucher to be signed by you and returned to me, You will please order a draft for $224.12 payable in gold coin to my order to be sent to me in full of bills enclosed

Respectfully yours

E. S. Peterson

Superintendent

Hon Wm A. Richardson

Secretary of the Treasury

Washington

D.C.

Oct 14th 3

Sir

I had already been advised by the Superintendent of the Mint at San-Francisco, of the shipment of the annual and special assay coins mentioned in your two letters of the 13th inst. and yesterday the coins themselves came safely to hand, and their arrival duly acknowledged.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C

Oct 14th 3

Sir

Your instructions of the 13th inst requiring the annual table of foreign coins to be prepared in accordance with the requirements of the 3d Section of the Act of July 21. 1867. have been received, and placed in the hands of our Assayer for his information and guidance.

Very Respectfully
J. Ross Snowden
Superintendent

Hon
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington
D.C.

Oct 14 3

Hon:
Col. H. Hyde
Master of the Royal Mint
of Calcutta

Dear Sir

By a little delay, I am able to acknowledge three receipts, viz:

1. The elegant suite of India coins, received through the care of your son in London, in perfect order. They are now displayed in the Cabinet of the Mint.

2. The package of printed documents. I am particularly obliged to you for these, which contain many interesting matters; some of which, together with a part of your letter of July 1st, I have made use of, towards finishing our next Annual Report. The metallic currency of so large a part of the population of the world, is a matter of public interest, everywhere.

A printed copy of this Report (to our Congress) will be duly sent to you, early in December. (Two copies, rather, by different routes.)

3. A letter, recd to-day, from your son, acknowledging receipt of a silver trade dollar to be sent to you; also two gold dols. to refund his payment of freight, or expressage.

Yesterday I sat at dinner, and on a platform at a great meeting, by the side of a learned Brahmin, whose appearance amongst us, with his refinement, & perfect use of our language, and Christian character, have made a strong sensation.

In view of the vast facilities of steam travelling, in your country and in ours, & across the great waters, I trust the time approaches when American tourists in India, and Hindoo tourists in America, will be no rarity. And perhaps, with a choice of two routes, eastward & westward, you may be induced yourself to take a [illegible] of our Card.

Very truly yours

Jas. Pollock

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Oct 15th 3

Sir -

Under the orders of the Secretary of the Treasury, requiring of the Mint gold coinage to the amount of $10,000,000 per month. I have found it necessary to increase the working hours nearly fifty per cent. This will draw proportionately upon our appropriation for Wages of Workmen. I accordingly enclose a special requisition of this date for the sum of Eleven Thousand Dollars ($11,000) on account of Wages for the current month, in addition to the amount already drawn.

Please have the draft forwarded without delay.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman,
Director of the Mint
Washington, D.C.

Specials

Philadelphia
October 15. 3

Philadelphia
Eleven Thousand Dollars

months October 31. 1873

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April 1. 3

Philadelphia £11,000.—

J. A. Pollock

Oct 15th 3

Sir.

Under the requirements of the 29th Section of the Coinage Act of 1873. I enclose for your consideration a requisition from the Melter and Refiner of this Mint for 500 lbs Bar Tin, at current market prices, to make the bronze alloy for our cent pieces. If satisfactory, please return it with your approval at your earliest convenience.

Very Respectfully
A. Loeck
Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman,
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Oct 15th 3

Sir

Enclosed I forward the official Bond of William S. Steel. Weigher in the deposit room of this Mint, together with the accompanying affidavits. three in number.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock
Superintendent

Hon
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

October 15th 3

Sir

Enclosed find Medal & Proof-coin reports of Coiner for Quarter ending Sept 30th 1873. as follows,

A. Fine & Standard Gold & Silver used in the Manufacture of Medals

B. Copper used in the Manufacture of Medals,

D. Gold Proof Coins

L. Silver Proof Coins

F. Gold Medals

K. Silver Medals

H. Bronze Medals

Also Superintendents Report of Medals & Proof-Coin as follows

E. Gold Medals,

I Silver Medals,

C Gold Proof-Coin

I Silver Proof-Coin

G Bronze Medals

All of which is submitted in accordance with the regulations

Respectfully yours

Jas Pollock

Superintendent

Hon H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington D.C.

Oct 16th 3

Sir

I herewith forward a communication to me from Mr W. E. Du Bois, our Assayer, on the subject of the "prevention of a fraud in our gold coin," which you will find both interesting and instructive.

The suggestions of the Assayer are worthy of consideration. With some of them I fully agree. Is it not, however, a matter of congratulation, that although millions of pieces of gold coin, from the double to the half eagle, have been coined, yet the number fraudulently filled, or otherwise changed in value, is so very small - almost infinitesimal.

It is doubtful whether we can make our coinage more secure from

fraud

fraud than by the present mode.
The subject however, deserves careful and intelligent investigation.

Very Respectfully
E. Jas Pringle
Superintendent

Hon.
R. E. Linderman
Director of the Mint.
Washington
D.C.

Oct 16th 3

Sir

Can you send us 20.000. ozs of fine silver, or last quantity, if you have not that amount. It will aid us greatly in making our returns.

Send at once, if possible.

Very Respfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Thos. L. Acton, Esq
Supt. Assay Office. U.S
New York

Oct 16th 3

To the Cashier of the U.S. Mint
Phila.

Sir:

You will deliver to the Melter and Refiner for melting and Recoinage (from the Base Coin Redemption Fund) Ten Thousand (10,000.00) Dollars in one cent Nickel Coin; as per authority of the Director of the Mint in his letter and telegram of April 24th 1873

Very Respectfully

H. Pollock
Superintendent

Oct 17th 8

Sir

I have received your telegram of this date directing two pairs of Trade Dollar dies to be forwarded to the Mint at Carson. I find on consultation with the Engraver, that they can be forwarded by Express to morrow

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pecor
Capt

Hon
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C

Oct 17th 8

Sir

Herewith I forward the Tables of Foreign Gold and Silver Coins for the annual Report and in compliance with the Act of March 3. 1873.

They have been carefully reconstructed by the Assayer of this Mint and with them are explanatory Remarks, and Notes, which are necessary to make them complete.

Upon considering your remarks on the subject (letter of 14th inst) and without determining the question of repeal, it may be that the Act of 1857. is to some extent changed or abrogated by the Act above cited. Still it seems to me that the duties of the Mint has to do with actual

coins, as they actually are found and not with legal standards. He has no greater facility for learning the laws of other countries, than any other person; not so great as our State or Treasury Department which can inquire through Ministers and Consuls. Nor with the data before him, can he calculate any better than any arithmetician. So that the very naming of the Director to do this work, implies that he is to be guided by real coins, not by statutes.

However, the results in these Tables are near enough for all practical purposes.

Very Respectfully,
J. A. Pollard
Superintendent

Hon.
W. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington
D. C.

Oct. 17th 3.

Explanatory Remarks

to accompany the Tables of foreign Coins.

1. The weight is expressed in fractions of the ounce troy, agreeing with the terms used in the Mints. If it is desired to have the weight of any piece in grains, regard the thousandths of an ounce as integers, take their half, from which deduct four per cent. of that half, and the remainder will be grains.

2. The fineness is expressed in thousandth parts; i.e. so many parts of pure gold or silver in 1000 parts of the coin. The old carat system is generally abandoned (except for jewelry,) but it may be worth while to , that 41 2/3 thousandths equal one carat.

3. The valuation of gold is a direct calculation from weight and fineness, at

the legal rate of 25.8 grains, 900 fine, being equal to one dollar; or £20.67.2 (nearly) per ounce of fine gold.

4. For the silver there is no fixed legal valuation, as compared with gold. The have fall at the Mint, varies according to demand and supply, but is stationary for considerable periods at a time, and is now 120 cents per ounce 900 fine; at which rate the values are given in the Table. The gold value of silver, is to be found in the bullion markets; at present it is 116.3 cents per ounce 900 fine.

5. These tables generally give the one principal coin of each country, from which the other coins are easily deduced. Thus where the franc system is used, there are generally gold pieces of 40, 20, 10, and 5 francs, all in due proportion. But in silver, the fractional coins are very ~~of inconvertible~~ of less intrinsic value than the normal coin, proportionally. These are seldom exported.

Respectfully submitted by

Jas. Pollock
Supt. U.S. Mn. Ohio

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Foreign le

Oct 18 3

Sir

In pursuance of your telegraphic instructions of the 17th inst. I have to day forwarded to the Superintendent of the Mint at Carson, a sealed box containing two pairs of Trade Dollar dies for the use of that Mint; and herewith enclose duplicate receipt of the Adams Express Company for the same.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt
per H. C. Hinkle
Chief Clerk

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C

Oct 18th 3

Sir

In pursuance of instructions from the Director of the Mint, I have to day forwarded to you by Express, a sealed box, containing two pairs Trade Dollar dies for the use of the Mint at Carson.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Frank D. Hetrick, Esq
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson
Nev

p H. C. Hickcox
Chief Clerk

Oct 18th 3

Sir-

In pursuance of instructions from the Director of the Mint under date of the 17th inst. You will please prepare, at your earliest convenience, the following dies for the Mint of the U. S. at Carson for the year 1874.

Gold.

Double Eagles	obverse.	6
Eagles	"	4
Half Eagles	"	4
Quarter-Eagles		2.
		16

Silver.

Trade Dollars	Obverse	6
do do	Reverse	2
Half Dollars	Obverse	6
Quarter Dollars	"	4

over

	Forward	18
Dimes	Obverse	4
		22
Aggregate		38

These dies must be ready in time to reach their destination, by Express, before the expiration of the current year.

Very Resptly
Jas Pollock
Supt

Wm Barber Esq
Engraver of the Mint. p H C Hickok
Chief Clerk

Oct 18th 3

Sir

In compliance with your request I have notified the Engraver of the Mint, to prepare, at his earliest convenience, the thirty eight (38) dies for the Mint at Carson, for the year 1874. as specified in your letter of the 17th inst.

I notice that you omit to state whether the Quarter Eagle dies are to be obverse or reverse. Please advise me on this point.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Hon.

W. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

Oct 18th 3

Sir

Enclosed we forward.

1. Weekly Statement of Coinage, ending Oct. 18. 1873.

2. Statement of the amount and denominations of coins on hand at this date.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt
J. H. C. Hickok
Chief Clerk

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington
D.C.

Oct 18th 3

Sir

In compliance with regulations I herewith enclose letter to the Secretary of the Treasury, together with Certificate of Deposit No 197, for $71.05 on account of old material sold.

Please forward the letter and certificate to their proper destination

Very Respectfully,
Jas Pollock
Superintendent
per H C Hickok

Hon M. R. Lindeman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C

Oct 18th 3

Sir

Enclosed I forward Certificate of this date, No 197, of the deposit by myself, with the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at Philadelphia, of the Sum of Seventy one dollars and five cents ($71.05) on account of 5684 pounds old iron sold to A. Lentz at 1¼ cents per pound.

Very Respectfully Yours
Jas Pollock
Superintendent
for H C Hickok
Chief Clerk

Hon W. A. Richardson
Sec'y of the Treasury
Washington
D. C

Oct 20th 3

Sir

In compliance with your request of the 18th inst. I forward to you to day by mail, four copies of the old Mint Laws, (edition of 1867) for the use of your office.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt
p W C Hickok
Chief Clerk

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington.
D.C

Oct 22 3

Hon. A. R. Linderman
Director &c. &c.
Sir

In reply to yours of the 21st, referring to an inquiry from the Treasury Department, of March 22d, I have to state, that in pursuance thereof, some experiments were immediately made, as to the abrasion of quarter eagles, and gold dollars, in various decades.

Shortly after this, our gold coins came in by millions, and it was deemed far more to your purpose, to ascertain the loss upon this large quantity; which statement has lately been forwarded to you.

We can however, with the delay of a few days, give you what was ascertained in regard to the two smaller denominations.

In regard to filled pieces, all that we know is contained in the paper prepared by the Assayer, and lately sent to you. We get no such pieces; what few there are, seem to be stopped at the U.S. Treasury in New York. In all the sixteen millions of dollars lately remelted, there was no show of any platinum plates, which (as we have sometimes discovered) are sure to sink to the bottom of the pot intact, because the fire will not act upon them, in that shape. Platinum will not mix, except ~~in the case of~~ as in the case of small rivets in dental gold jaw-plates, & then only in small proportion.

There is a special lot of gold coin on hand, in which possibly there is a filled piece or two, and these will be cut in a day or so, to see if such is the case.

Very respectfully
your ob't servant

Oct 22d 3

Sir

The gold coins by Express, nominal value $430.- specified in your letter of the 11th inst. were duly received, and deposited for recoinage in the name of my Chief Clerk. H. C. Hickok.

The nett proceeds $426.18 in new gold coin, were this day deposited in the name of R. M. Reynolds. Collector of Customs at Mobile. Ala. with the Asst Treasurer U. S. at Philadelphia. to the credit of the Treasurer. U. S. on a/c of Duties on Imports, and triplicate certificates herewith forwarded to you, as per your directions, together with the Mint Memorandum.

I have to specially request that you acknowledge the receipt of this letter. and its contents,

as

as my voucher.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Superintendent.

J. H. H. Taylor, Esq
Acting Asst. Treasurer U.S.
New Orleans
La

Oct 22d 3

Sir

Respectfully referring to your letter of the 20th of September ult. approved by the Secretary of the Treasury, directing the Mint to be run to its full capacity, and requiring a coinage of $10.000.000. per month in Double Eagles, and besides current demands for silver and minor coinage, instructing me to submit estimates of the consequent excess of expenditures over the appropriations, I have to state that this demand has added nearly fifty per cent to the working time of the Mint increasing the wages of the workmen in that proportion, and causing a relative increase in our incidental expenses.

Upon the most careful calculation, the present deal of operations of this Mint conducted with the most careful and rigid economy, and with reference to the wants of the public, as well as of the Treasury Department, will require the additional appropriations for the current year, to the amount of say seventy five thousand dollars ($75.000) for Wages of Workmen, and eight thousand dollars ($8.000) for incidental and contingent expenses, making eighty three thousand dollars ($83.000) in all. If experience proves that the full amount will not be needed, the unexpended balance will, of course, be covered into the Treasury, but as at present advised, I cannot feel justified in advising that a less appropriation be asked for from Congress: and I cannot too strongly urge that this estimate

estimate be submitted without
abatement, so that the Mint may not
in any emergency be crippled or em-
barrassed in meeting the exceptionally
heavy demands made upon it. The
unusual large amount of gold coin-
age specified is in pursuance of pos-
itive orders of the Secretary of the
Treasury to meet the wants of the
Department. There is also in the
peculiar financial condition of the
country, a large actual and prospect-
ive increase in private deposits for
coinage. This institution will prove
itself fully equal to the emergency, if
it be sustained by the reasonable and
judicious appropriations which the
necessities of the hour require, and
which I presume will not be withheld
when the occasion that calls for them
is understood.

You are personally so thoroughly

familiar with the subject that
need not enlarge upon it.

Very Respectfully
J. W. Pollock
Superintendent

Hon
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington
D.C.

Oct 23d 3

Sir-

We have your two boxes of stones, and two money orders for five dollars each.

The box which you sent last and which you say is the most urgent contains just the kind of galena rock that we assayed for you in June last and found nothing in it.

The other box contains the most common kind of stone to be found anywhere. and I wonder you should imagine for a moment that it is of any value. What you call a "nugget" is a nodule of iron pyrites, or iron and sulphur combined. The stone is a very poor limestone, such as is used

for turnpikes.

We will not under these circumstances take your money, and therefore return to you the money orders.

Yours Respty
Jas. Powell
Supt.

Mr. Joshua Draper. Jr.
Jacksonville
Ala.

Oct 23d 8

Sir

Yours of the 21st inst has been received.

"All jokes aside." this sand is good enough to make good window glass. with plenty of fuel. labor and capital.

Yours Respttly

J. A. Powell

Supt

Mr.
Wm. T. Gilbert
on Gillins.
Womelsdorf
Pa

Oct 23d 3

Dear Sir

In reply to your letter of the 20th inst, I herewith send to your address, a number of pamphlets and circulars relating to Minting operations; all that are at my command, but it is not in my power to furnish a copy of the Coinage Act of 1873, which went into operation on the 1st of April last, and superceded all former Mint laws. Your application for a copy of that should be made to the Director of the Mint, at Washington, D.C.

My views with regard to a resumption of specie payments, are substantially the same as expressed in Senator Boutwells recent lecture in New York.

Very Respectfully

James A. Cowing, Esq
No 7. Broadway
New York.

Jas. Pollock
Supt

Oct 24th 3

Sir

I duly received by Express the $1270.50 light gold coin mentioned in your letter of the 16th inst. and deposited the same for recoinage in my own name. It produced $1208.23. in new coin. as per the enclosed Mint Memorandum. which sum I have this day deposited in your name with the Asst Treasurer. U. S. at Philadelphia to the credit of the Treasurer U. S. on a/c. of Transfer of Funds. and herewith enclose duplicate certificates of deposit No 214 the receipt of which I will thank you to acknowledge as my voucher.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

L. Haven. Jr. Esq
Asst Treasurer U. S.
Boston, Mass

Oct 17th 1.

Sir

I duly received by Express the $2824.96. in gold bars, announced in your letter of the 13th inst. The recoinage netted in gold coin $22.22. and in silver coin $0.40. as per the enclosed Mint Memorandum.

I forward to you today by the Adams Express Co. (duplicate receipt herewith enclosed) the following coin.

100	Half Eagles -	Value	$ 600.00
200	Three Dollar pieces	"	600.00
800	Half Dollars	"	200.00
1.000	Dimes	"	100.00.
		Total	$1700.00

according to your schedule; leaving in my hands $63.23.

I am not able at this time to meet your requisition for Quarter Dollars,

and gold dollars. The Mint has been running to its full capacity, over time, on gold coinage, by order of the Secretary of the Treasury, who requires of us $10.000.000. per month in Double Eagles; and the minor coinage was suspended for nearly two months, by the same authority. In consequence, we are now out of gold dollars, quarter dollars, and one cent pieces, and it is a little uncertain when we will have any.

I will forward the balance of your order as soon as may be practicable.

Very Respectfully

J. P. Rolloff

Supt.

Jacob L. L. Schirmer, Esq.
Assayer. U. S. Mint
Denver.
Col.

Octr. 25th 3

Sir.

I forward herewith my a/c. of Ordinary Expenses for September 1873.

These accounts have been unavoidably withheld beyond the usual time awaiting the signature of an employee absent from the city on a/c. of illness.

Very Respectfully,

Jas Pollock
Supt.

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Oct 26 3

Sir

In reply to your verbal inquiry of this date, I have to state that in the event of the gold coinage being reduced to the sum of $1.000.000 per month of less denominations than the Double Eagles, the Mint could turn out, as near as I can estimate, the following coinage per month. viz $500.000 in Half Eagles; $100.000 in Quarter Eagles, and $100.000 in gold Dollars: and could also furnish subsidiary silver coinage in each month to the amount of, say, $300.000 in Half Dollars: $200.000 in Quarter Dollars: and $100.000 in Dimes.

Very Respectfully

Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Oct. 6

Sir -

Referring to the 24th section of the Coinage Act of 1873. I have respectfully to request that you make application to the Secretary of the Treasury to transfer to my credit as Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia. the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50.000) for the purchase of metal for the minor coinage authorised by the act.

Proposals have been advertised for the required metals and the money will be needed to meet the accepted bids.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington
D.C

Oct 25 3

Sir

Enclosed I forward Weekly Statement of Coinage at this Mint for the week ending Oct 25. 1873.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Superintendent

Hon
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Oct 26 3

Sir

I have increased the per diem compensation of seven employes of this Mint, as follows, to take effect from the 1st of November 1873, and respectfully submit the same for your approval

John L Money, Messenger.
From $5.00 to $6.00

C. B. Hare. Assay Department.
From $5.00 to $6.00

Andrew Steel. Coiners Department
From $4.00 to $4.25

J. B. Bowden, Carpenter,
From $4.75 to $5.00

Daniel S. Zeller, Coiners Department.
From $3.00 to $3.75

Patterson Du Bois. Assay Department
From $5.00 to $6.00

over

Alexander E Outerbridge. Assay Department,
Zoom $4.50 to $5.00
Very Respectfully
J. V. Pollock
Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Oct 27th 3

Sir

Yours of the 23rd inst is at hand. In answer to questions 1 and 2, I have to State that we can and will send you one or a dozen Silver (trade) dollars of polished die, or proof pieces, at $1.50 silver or $1.75 currency. The ordinary pieces we cannot send as the Mint has no authority to sell the same. $100.= is the smallest amount of Silver we receive on deposit or purchase. The coining charge is for gold 1/5 of one per cent: For trade dollars 1/2 of one per cent, and no charge for smaller coin.

Yours Respectfully,

Jas. Pollock

Superintendent

Louis H. Freligh Esq
310 Locust St
St Louis Mo

Oct 27th 3

Sir

The Mint only furnishes silver coins on the terms of the enclosed circular and does not keep them for sale, or exchange them for paper money.

Your draft of the 24th inst. to 208. for $200. enclosed in your letter of the 24th inst. is therefore herewith returned to you.

Very Respectfully

W. W. Storrs Esq. (Cashr) Supt.
Concord
N. H.

Oct 21st 3

Sir

Your letter of the 21st inst has been received. The Eagle cents of 1857 and 1858 do not command a premium being worth only one cent each.

Yours Respty

Supt

Dr. L. W. Housek
California
Mo.

Oct 27th 3

Sir

Your letter of the 24th inst. has been received.

In regard to the weight of invoice No. 62. our scales are examined daily, and if necessary adjusted. They were examined on the morning invoice No 62. was weighed and there was no evidence of any thing wrong about them.

The weight was examined by three persons, and three separate entries of the weights made. They were compared separately, and the additions were the same.

The discrepancy in the weight was noticed, and search made for a piece, but nothing came to hand. The bullion was delivered to the

Melter and Refiner as weighed, and copper added, and a part already in the crucible, so that we could not reweigh, but our weight was so thorough in the first place, that a second weighing would seem unnecessary.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Thomas E. Acton, Esq
Supt. Assay Office U.S.
New York.

Oct 2nd 63

Sir;

Enclosed I forward my requisition of this date for the sum of $48,158.34 for Salaries, Wages, and incidentals for the month of November 1863. The amount called for is graduated closely to our probable wants, and I have earnestly to request that a draft for the sum designated be forwarded by the first of the month, if at all practicable

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Superintendent

Hon H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D. C.

Philadelphia
October 27th

Philadelphia
Forty Eight Thousand, one
Hundred and fifty Eight 34/100 Dollars,
Months November 30, 1873

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April 1st 3

Philadelphia	$3,158.34
do.	35,000.00
do.	10,000.00
	$48,158.34

Jas. Pollock

Oct 28 3

Sir

Your draft of the 27th inst. No 17,741 on the First National Bank of Boston, for $1.000. for silver coins, and minor coins, is herewith returned.

You will see by the enclosed Silver circular that the Mint does not furnish silver coins for currency. Minor coins will be forwarded to you, if you will remit for whatever amount and kind you may want as per the enclosed minor coinage circular.

Very Respty
[illegible]
Supt

Gen. R. Bradford, Esq.
Cashr. 1st Nat. Bank.
Gloucester
Mass.

Oct 28th 3

Sir

Your draft of the 27th inst. No 3368, on the Central Nat. Bank, Philadelphia, for $500. to buy silver coin, is herewith returned.

You will see by the enclosed circular that the Mint does not furnish silver coins in exchange for currency.

Very Respectfully
J. A. Pollock
Supt

H. H. Nazra, Esq
Cashr. Ninth Nat Bank
New York

Oct 28 3

Sir

I have this morning received your letter of the 27th inst approving the programme of coinage operations submitted in my letter to you of the 20th inst

Instructions have already been issued to the proper operative officers of the Mint to carry out the scale of operations decided upon, and every effort will be made to meet your expectations.

In reply to your inquiry, I have to state that the Silver Bullion Fund, and Balances due New York Assay office, and Asst Treasurer U. S. at New York, are as follows, viz.

Silver Bullion Fund $371.287.08

Silver due New York Assay
Office. viz.
For Trade Dollars $42,138.04
" Subsidiary Coin 116.570.18

Gold due Assay Office
New York $3.312.109.65

Gold due Asst. Treas-
urer U. S. New York. $2.416.370.72.

Very Respectfully
E. Jas Pollock
Superintendent

Hon
H. R Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C

Telegram.

Oct 29. 9

To

A. M. West,

Cashier

Louisiana, Mo

The Mint receives

Silver Bullion at One dollar

~~Twenty~~ cents per ounce, and

returns proceeds in Gold

Greenbacks and Silver.

James Pollock

Supt

20 W. Collect

Oct 30 2

Sir

On the 14th of October, inst. I forwarded to you for the Secretary of the Treasury, the Robinson Seward gold Medal, together with duplicate receipted bills for the price of it. $224.00 in Gold.

Up to this date I have not received payment. Will you please give the matter your early attention, and see that a draft for the amount be furnished as soon as possible.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Superintendent

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Oct. 30th 73

Sir.

Enclosed I forward a Summary Statement of the operations of the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia in Bullion & Coinage for the 3rd Quarter, 1873.

Very Respectfully Yours

A. Loud
Supt.

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Oct 30th 3

Sir

The Mint does not furnish silver coins except on on the terms of the enclosed circular.

Your $500. draft No 43,397. on the Third National Bank. New York. enclosed in your letter of the 28th inst. is therefore herewith returned.

Very Respctly

J. A. Roseveld

Geo Starr. Esq. Cashr. ~~Supt.~~
Coldwater
Mich.

Oct 30th 3

Sir-

In pursuance of the enclosed nomination by the Trustees of the Mint dated the 29th inst. I have appointed Mrs. E. R. Perkins. an Adjuster in the Mint to date from November 1. 1873. at $1.75 per diem, and respectfully submit the same for your official action under the terms of the 4th Section of the Coinage Act of 1873.

Very Respectfull
A. E. Elder
Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Octr 30 3

Dear Sir,

The mineral you send is limestone, impressed with many small shells; curious, but not valuable.

Yours respy

J. W. Powell

Mr Solomon E. Heberling
Forrest Hill
Union Co.
Penna.

Oct. 30th

My dear Sir.

I have received your favor of the 29th inst, containing a Statement of the balances said to be due this Institution from the Appropriations made for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1874.

On making an examination of the Appropriation Books, and comparing it with your Statement I find the following balances in the Treasury due the Mint. Viz-

Appropriated for Salaries for 1873.74		$37.900.
Requisitions made		15.791.70
Balance due	$	22.108.30
Appropriated for Wages	$	250.000.
Requisitions made		135.766.68
Balance due	$	114.233.32
Appropriated for Incidentals	$	85.000.
Requisitions made		29.166.67
Balance due	$	55.833.33

Appropriated for Ores & Coins	$600-
Requisition made	100-
Balance due	$ 500-
Appropriated for Freight on Bullion	$ 5.000-
Requisition made	1233.33
Balance due	$ 3.766.67

By this you will see that while your books and mine agree in the matter of Salaries, Contingent Expenses, and Ores & Coins, there is a difference on the Wages a/c of $100.000 and on the Freight a/c. of $957.63. As the greatest vigilance is exercised in keeping the Appropriation & Requisition a/c, I am strongly of opinion that your clerk has committed an error in your statement; especially so, as the balance of monies on hand to day certify to the drafts received.

Thanking you for your kindness in the above matter,

I am, Very Truly Yours

[illegible]
Superintendent

Hon. R. W. Taylor.
Washington
D.C.

Octr 29 3

A. Smith Dimond Esq.
Bankers Magazine

Sir

Herewith I send your schedule of India coins, with blanks filled, as to silver. We do not assay or value copper coins.

Mr. Moran has taken the photographs of them very well, but larger than the real coin; so that if you want the true size you had better direct your Engraver to come here & mark it.

Perhaps it is an advantage to have the pictures somewhat magnified, to work from.

Yours respy

J. W. Ford

Supt

Oct 30th 3

Sir

Enclosed I forward the Official Bond and accompanying papers, three in number, of Henry S. Cochran. Deposit Clerk.

Very Respectfully

J. V. Pollock

Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Oct 31st 3

Sir

We have assayed No 1 of your four parcels, sent on the 17th of September, and find it contains only a trace of silver.

The other numbers look very much like it, and we regard it as a mere waste of money for you to have them assayed, particularly those ores or stones which give no promise.

You sent twenty dollars, of which we take five dollars, for the above assay, and will send back the remainder, or hand it over to some private Assayer if you prefer. We can give you the address of several in this city.

Yours Resptly

[illegible]

Supt

Mr. Louis E Lorinus,
South Stillwater, Minna

Oct 31st 3

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 29th inst. I have to state that the Mint having been relieved from the unprecedented pressure for Double Eagles for the Treasury Department will now resume the coinage of silver and the smaller gold coins, and I expect in a short time to be able to meet the demand of the Treasury for $1. $2.50 and $5.00 gold coin.

Very Respectfully

Superintendent

L. Haven Jr. Esq
Asst Treasurer U.S
Boston
Mass.

Oct 30th 3

Sir:

I herewith enclose statement of Minor Coins redeemed to date, also statements for the Months of September and October 1872. By comparing the statements forwarded in September and October 1872 with the enclosed statements, you will perceive that there is an error of $1,324 11/100 dollars arising thus; in carrying forward the amount redeemed previous to October 1872 there was carried forward as previously redeemed $25,762 31/100 dollars instead of $70,086,72 dollars which makes the difference mentioned above $1,324 11/100 dollars. This amount has been added in the report for this month, but does not affect our account of Minor Coins redeemed in any way.

Very Respectfully

Supt.

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C

Oct 31 2

Sir

Enclosed I forward Statement of Minor Coins Exchanged at this Mint during the month of October 1873, under the 20th Section of the Coinage Act of 1873.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Oct 81 3

Sir

Enclosed I forward, as requested, Statement of Coinage at this Mint during the month of October 1873.

The statement of Deposits will be forwarded in a few days.

Very Respectfully

Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C

Oct 31st 3

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Sir.

I have the honor to make the following Statement of the Coinage for the Month of October 1873.

Denomination	No of Pieces	Value
Double Eagles	550.500	$11.010,000.
Trade Dollars	100	100.
Half "	100	50.
Quarter "	100	25.
Dimes	100	10.
One Cent, Bronze	1.920.000	19.200.
Total	2.470.900	$11.029.385

Respectfully Yours
A. Pollock
Superintendent

Oct 31 3

Sir

At the close of business this day I made the usual monthly count and examination of the monies in the hands of the Cashier of the Mint with the following result.

Gold	$421.121.74
Silver	22.761.76
Ordinary Account Notes	15.259.40
Minor Coinage &c. Coin	241.53
Do Coinage	26.889.42
Do Coins Exchanged	684.64
Do " Reissued	33.300.00
Do Coinage Redemption Fund.	121.002.75
Total	$640.261.24

which corresponds with his books.

I also made examination into the general condition and operations of the Mint and the Institution

was found to be in good working order and its business conducted in a careful and satisfactory manner.

Very Respectfully
J. A. Roberts
Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington
D.C

Nov 1

Sir

The Mint furnishes silk coins on the terms of the enclosed circular and not otherwise.

Your draft of Oct 30th No 29609 on the South Nat Bank, New York, for $500. is therefore herewith returned to you

Very Respty
Jas. Pollock
Supt

November 3

Sir

Enclosed please find Statement of Coinage executed during the week ending November 1. 1873.

Also Cashiers Statement of the Amount and Denominations of coin on hand November 1. 1873.

Very Respectfully

Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington
D.C

Telegram

Nov. 3. 3

Hon. H. K. Sinderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Does the price of silver bullion at one hundred and eighteen cover deposits for fine bars as well as for subsidiary coin. Answer

J. L. Pettigrew
Chief Mint

Nov 3d 2

Dear Sir

Will you please give me, by return mail, for official purposes, the date of your fathers death and abode.

Yours Respectfy.

Supt.

H. G. Torrey Esq
U. S. Navy Office
New York.

Telegram

Nov. 3. 3

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Can you be here tomorrow morning for general consultation. Please answer.

J. A. Roseck
Supt. [illegible]

[illegible]

Nov 3d 73

Sir

Your letter of Oct 31. 1873. has been received.

We have as yet no printed copy of the "regulations determining charges for refining, parting, and coining silver bars." The charges were materially modified after the passage of the Coinage Act of 1873. and some further changes are under consideration now. They will not be put into print until they are finally settled.

Very Respectfully

Supt.

J. E. McNeill Esq
Chicago
Ill.

Nov 3d 3

Sir

Enclosed I forward Statement of Deposits and Coinage at this Mint during the month of October 1873.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Superintendent

Hon
H. R Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Nov 4 3

Sir

Enclosed I forward my report of postage stamps used by this Mint during the months of August, September and October 1873. The explanation of this aggregate report is this.

The bulk of the stamps are kept in the Superintendents vault, under the immediate charge of my chief clerk, who delivers limited quantities to the Messenger from time to time, as circumstances may require. When the report for the month of August was made out the regular Messenger was absent on his annual vacation, and the temporary Messenger reported as he supposed, the number of stamps

on

on hand in the Messengers drawer not knowing that a number of stamps reported as having been used, were really on hand locked up in a box in the Messengers drawer. This fact was only discovered while preparing a report for September, when it was found to be impossible to connect the August report or prepare a correct report for September. The only course was to wait until the close of October and then comparison with the July report would show how many stamps had been used in the interval, though the exact number for each month could not be designated.

The stamp account as now reported is correct though I regret the inadvertance which prevents a statement for the individual months.

These stamps are never used for—

for other than strictly official purposes. They are always kept under lock and key, and the account verified, and (except in the single instance referred to) all the stamps counted by the Chief Clerk and Messenger at the close of every month.

Very Respectfully
J. L. Pattison
Superintendent

Hon.
William A. Richardson.
Secretary of the Treasury.
Washington
D.C

Philadelphia
November 4 3

1 August, September, and October 3
of October

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262	1572	2138	128 28
96	252	57	3 99
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35	420	362	43 44
42	630	52	7 80
19 7	570 630	180 43	5400 3870
	$ 7422		$ 547 07

Jas Pollock

Nov 4 8

Sir

Enclosed I forward the original record of the nomination and appointment of Miss A. H. Nickoles. as an Adjuster in the Mint from this date, with your approval endorsed therein. I also enclose her oath of office.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt
Superintendent

Hon.
W. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

I also enclose the official oath of Miss E. R. Perkins. Adjuster in the Mint.

Nov. 11th 3

Gentlemen:

There were three equal lowest and best bids for the 50000 lbs copper for the use of the Mint, for which proposals were invited, yours being one of them; and with the approval of the Director of the Mint, your bid has been accepted for one third of the amount, viz 16.667 lbs Detroit Lake Copper at 23 cents per lb, delivered at the Mint free of expense, the quality to be determined by Mint assay as required by law.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Rogers

Superintendent

Messrs Nathan Trotter & Co

Philadelphia

Nov 4th 3

Gentlemen:

There were three equal lowest and best bids for the 50000 lbs Copper for the use of the Mint, for which proposals were invited, yours being one of them; and with the approval of the Director of the Mint, your bid has been accepted for one third of the amount, viz 16667 lbs Detroit Lake Copper at 22 cents per lb, delivered at the Mint free of expense, the quality to be determined by Mint Assay as required by law.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Rogers

Superintendent

Messrs Merchant & Co

Philadelphia

Nov 4th 3.

Sir;

There were three equal lowest and best bids for the 50,000 lbs Copper for the use of the Mint, for which proposals were invited, yours being one of them; and with the approval of the Director of the Mint, your bid has been accepted for one third of the amount, viz 16.667 lbs Detroit Lake Copper at 23 cents per lb, delivered at the Mint free of expense, the quality to be determined by Mint Assay as required by law.

Very Respectfully,

J. A. Pollock

Superintendent.

Mr Rene J. Fougeray Sen
Nos 102 Walnut St
Philadelphia.

Nov 4th 3

Sir;

Your bid of the 31st of October ultimo, for 5,000 lbs American Nickel for the use of the Mint, at $3.25 per pound U.S. Currency, being the lowest and best bid has been accepted; the Nickel to be delivered at the Mint free of expense, the quality to be determined on Mint Assay, as required by law.

Very Respectfully

J. R. Snowden
Superintendent

Joseph Wharton Esq.
Phila

Nov 4th 3

Sir;

Your bid under date of the 1st inst. for 2000 lbs best quality Tin (Malacca and finest straits tin) for the use of the mint, at 31½ cents per pound currency, has been accepted; the quality to be determined by Mint Assay, as required by law.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Pollock

Superintendent.

Mr Rene J. Fougeray & Son
No 102 Walnut St
Philadelphia.

Agents for Luning Hart & Co.

Nov 4th 3

Gentlemen,

If your bid of the 31st of October ult. for 1,500 lbs of Zinc, at 8½ cents per pound, is for New Jersey or Lehigh Zinc, then your bid is accepted, the metal to be delivered at the Mint, free of expense; the quality to be determined on Mint Assay, as re=quired by law. But if the Zinc you offer is of any other brand, your bid is rejected. Let me hear from you soon.

Very Respectfully
J. A. Pollard
Superintendent.

Mess Thos. J. Pope & Bro:
Baird Snyder
292 Pearl St
New York.

Nov 5th 3

Sir

I have appointed George Harmstead, as Laborer in the Mint, at $3.00 per diem, to date from November 10. 1873, and respectfully submit the same for your official consideration under the 4th Section of the Coinage Act 1873.

Very Respectfully
J. A. Pollock
Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Approved
H R Linderman
Director Mint,

Nov 5th 3

W. E. DuBois Esq
Assayer &c
Sir

As you have the general Supervision of the Cabinet of Coins, Medals, and Minerals, I wish you to make known to the Curator and his Assistant, the following Order.

The Director of the Mint, at Washington, having asked for an Inventory of all the Specimens in the Cabinet, to be kept on file in his Office, which Inventory is now preparing, it is a suitable occasion to remind all who are in charge, that they have an important and responsible trust, the more so as the coins &c. are necessarily very much exposed.

Two Kinds of duty Specially devolve upon each one.

1. They are to be attentive and polite to visitors, giving explanation may be

asked for. At the same time, as the various articles genrally tell their own story to all intelligent observers, the curators are not expected to be much engaged in conversation, or much devoted to any one party.

2. Their more important duty, is to keep up a vigilant and incessant watch, to see that there is no mischief going on.

It cannot be doubted, that among the great numbers who have free access to these rooms, there are occasionally experts, and desperate characters, who come to seize an opportunity for plunder. This very thing has been done, as I am informed, and a serious robbery perpetrated in 1858, by artfully cornering the curators and drawing off their attention.

The curators must severally understand, that they are placed there as Sentinels; and if any piece is missing, they will be called to account, and held responsible. If

Sufficient excuse will exonerate them, but a want of care and vigilance will not.

I therefore direct that the curators be assigned to Special posts, in the three rooms or divisions, where they are generally, though not rigidly, to continue.

The principal curator must go to and fro frequently through all the rooms, observing both his assistants and the visitors.

And finally, at least one curator must be there after the visitors have ceased coming, and until the washers come in.

You are expected to inform me of any infraction of these rules.

Jas. Pollock
Superintendent

Telegram

US Mint
Nov. 6. 3.

L. G. Gage, Cashier,
Chicago, Ill.

Delay caused by heavy prior deposits from New York. Will make returns at the earliest practicable moment.

H. C. Hickok
Acting Supt.

Collect

Nov. 6 3

Dear Sir,

Until our List of Charges &c is put in print, the following may serve your purposes:

For refining Silver —

980 to 997½ fine, ½ cent per ounce.
950 to 997½ " 1 "
600 to 949½ " 1½ "
under 600 " 2 "

This is for returning fine bars. If Coin or standard bars be required, the charge is ¼ cent less. But if the metal is brittle, a toughening charge of ¼ to 1 cent is made, additional.

For the previous melting, before assay — ⅒ cent per ounce; but not less than 50 cts. No melting charge on silver above 997½, unless

it contains partible gold.

Parting charges, on gold & silver mixed—

Gold 700 thous. or over. 4 cts per oz

" 200 to 699½ 3 "

" 1 to 199½ 1½ "

And if it contains over 100 m copper or base metals, 1 cent additional.

Bar charges—&c.

For making fine bars (stamped) ¼ cent per oz

" standard " ½ "

" Trade dollars, 50 cents per 100.

No coinage charge on silver pieces 50 c. & less.

Parties sending silver to be made into small coin, receive 118 cents per standard ounce, payable in small coin. (Lately 120.)

Base silver bullion, containing antimony, lead, tin &c. is liable to a loss of 1 to 1¼ per cent. of weight in melting & toughening.

Yours resp'y

H C Hickok
Acting Supt

J. E. McNeill, Esq, Secy
Chicago, Ill.

Nov 7 3

Hon. James Pollock
Superintendent U. S.
Sir

I have examined the papers and made the assay, required by the Director of the Mint in the case of a gold deposit by Donnell Lawson & Co. at the U. S. Assay Office, Boise City, redeposited at the U. S. Assay Office, New York.

The New York assay is 720½ fine.
We made three assays, in different ways, with the following results:

720.5, 720.7, 720.5.

That is, 720½, same as at N. Y.
The Boise assay was 719.
The real difficulty however lies in the weights. In the N.Y. Memorandum

The weight after melting shows at first a loss of only .03 ounce; but this has a pen-mark drawn through it, and another amount written over, which makes a much larger loss, .69 oz. And on this basis the calculation was made.

The letter of Mr. Acton accounts for this loss, by the presence of antimony and arsenic; requiring a toughening, as I infer.

In the other case (no sample sent us) the loss in melting was much less; the assay at Boise was 731‰, and at New York 732, showing a close correspondence.

Dealers in bullion surely ought to know, that they must make a margin when they buy. Coins will count mathematically, to the last cent; but bars, if subject to toughening, or re-melt, or re-assay, or all together, will not come out so close. They may yield a little more, but are more likely to yield a little less. — But to put in a reclamation of three dollars, on $4500 (1/15 of one per cent.) is very close dealing indeed.

The Papers are herewith returned.

Very respectfully

Wm E Dee Bois

Assayer

P.S. I would be glad if the Director of the Mint would send copies of my statement, to the Offices at New York, and Boise.

Nov 7 3

Sir

Respectfully referring to your letter of the 3d of November inst. I herewith enclose a report to the Superintendent by our Assayer, Prof. Du Bois, respecting a difference in the fineness and weight of certain bars made at the Bois Assay office, and redeposited at the Assay office New York.

In compliance with your request I also return the papers, five in number, enclosed in your letter.

Very Respectfully
H C Kirk
Acting Supt

Hon.
T. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.
Washington
D.C.

Nov 7th 3.

Sir

A box has been forwarded to you to day, by the Adams Express Company, as per the enclosed duplicate receipt, containing the following dies for the Mint at San Francisco, for the year 1874.

Gold.

Double Eagle	Obverse	12
Do Do	Reverse	4
Eagle	Obverse	4
Half Eagle	Obverse	4
Quarter Do	Obverse	4.
Three Dollar	Reverse	2
Dollar	Reverse	2
	Total	32.

Silver.

Trade Dollar.	Obverse	6
Do Do	Reverse	6

over.

Silver continued.

Half Dollar	Obverse	6
Quarter Do	Obverse	4
Dimes	Obverse	8
	Total	30

Please acknowledge their arrival.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickoks
Acting Supt.

O. H. La Grange. Esq
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco
Cal

Nov 7 3

Sir

Your letter of the 6th inst prescribing a new rule for this Mint, and the New York Assay Office, to the effect that "Fine Silver bars, over 997½ are not subjected to a melting charge, unless they contain gold," was received to day, and immediately communicated to the proper officers of the Mint for their information and guidance,

Very Respectfully
H C Hiskok
Acting Supt

Hon
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.
Washington
D.C

Nov 7th. 3

Sir

The silver bars from New York by Express, mentioned in your letter of the 3d inst. have not yet been received at the Mint. As soon as they come to hand, returns will be made in Trade Dollars, as per your order, at the earliest practicable moment.

Very Respty

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Acting Supt.

Mr. D. C. Deuel
Utica
N.Y.

Nov 8th 3

Sir.

I transmit herewith my a/c. of Ordinary Expenses for October 1873, and the vouchers.

Very Respectfully Yours
H C Hickok
Acting Superintendent

Hon. H R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
U. S. Treasury
Washington
D C

Nov 8th 3

Sir.

By request of the Director of the Mint, under date of the 7th inst, you will please furnish at your earliest convenience a Statement of the amount of Gold and Silver Bullion operated upon monthly by the Melter and Refiner, from the date of the last settlement to the close of the Quarter ending September 30th 1873, with the loss occurring in the operations of melting and refining.

Very Resptly
H C Hickok
Acting Supt.

Prof. Jas. C. Booth
Melter and Refiner,
U. S. Mint.

Nov 8th ?

Sir

By request of the Director of the Mint, under date of the 7th inst. You will please furnish, at your earliest convenience, a Statement of the amount of Gold and Silver Bullion operated upon by the Coiner, from the date of the last settlement to the close of the Quarter ending September 30th 1873; showing each delivery of Bullion, and the loss in rolling, cutting, annealing, cleaning and adjusting.

Very Respectfully

H. Kirke

Acting Supt.

A. Loudon Snowden, Esq
Coiner U.S. Mint.

Nov. 15. 3.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 3rd inst, I herewith enclose $2.10 in currency, to cover the Express charges paid at your end of the line, on a $20. package of minor coins forwarded to you Sept 15th, the Adams Express Company having refunded the amount.

Very Respectfully
H. C. Hiskok
Acting Supt

F. L. Blanton Esq
Cas. Nat. Ex. Bk
Houston
Texas

Nov. 15th 3

E. S. Renwick
No. 19 Park Place, New York
We cannot get the Chlorine appar-
-ates through our Custom House
without your agency. Send im-
-mediate authority.
H C Hickok
Acting Supt
U S Assistant

16th [illegible]

Novr. 13 3

Sir

In the absence of the Superintendent (formerly Director) of this Mint, who has gone to San Francisco on official business, I have to acknowledge the safe arrival of a box sent by you, through U.S. Consul Adamson. Doubtless Mr Pollock will, on his return, make some remarks upon its valuable and interesting contents. And our Assayer requests me to say, that as soon as he can get time, he wishes to do the same in a familiar letter to his friend Professor Miller, though not exclusively for him.

I may add, that Gov. Pollock was highly pleased with a personal letter from Mr. Adamson, reviving old acquaintance.

I have the honor to be, sir,
your obedt servant
H. C. Hickok
Acting Supt

Hon.
Col. E. W. Ward
Dep. Master &c. &c.

Nov 14 3

Sir

Respectfully referring to your letter of the 17th of October ult. I have to report that the following dies for the year 1874. have this day been forwarded, by Express, to the Mint at Carson. viz.

Gold

Double Eagle	Obverse	6
Do Do	Reverse	2
Eagle	Obverse	4
Do	Reverse	2
Half Eagle	Obverse	2
Do Do	Reverse	2
Quarter Eagle	Obverse	2
Do Do	Reverse	2
	Total	22

Silver

Trade Dollar	Obverse	6
Do Do	Reverse	6

Silver Continued 12

Half Dollar	Obverse	4
Do Do	Reverse	2
Quarter Do	Obverse	2
Do Do	Reverse	2
Dime	Obverse	2
Do	Reverse	2
	Total	26

Very Respectfully
W. E. Hickok
Acting Supt

Hon
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Nov 8 73

Sir

Enclosed please find Statement of Coinage executed during the week ending November 8. 1873.

Also Cashiers Statement of the amount and denominations of Coin on hand November 8. 1873.

Very Respectfully
A C Hicks
Acting Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C

Nov 8 3

Sir

Sealed packages of Assay Coins for the Quarter ending September 30. 1873. were received yesterday from the Mint at Carson. Also test Assay Coins from the Carson Mint. for the months of July. August. and September 1873. respectively. The latter were immediately transferred to the custody of our Assayer.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Nov 10 3

Sir

Enclosed I forward oath of Allegiance of George Hamstad, recently appointed Laborer in the Mint.

Very Respectfully,
H C Kirk
Acting Supt.

Hon
W. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.
Washington
D.C.

Nov 10 3

Sir

In compliance with your request of the 7th inst received this morning, I herewith enclose statement of the Earnings and Expenses of this Mint for the Quarter ending September 30. 1873.

A similar statement will be forwarded at the close of each quarter hereafter, in accordance with your directions.

Very Respectfully
H C Kibbe
Acting Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C

Nov 10 3

Sir

The three boxes of assay coins from the Carson Mint for the Quarter ending Sept 30. 1873, together with three boxes of test coins for the same period, were duly received at this Mint on the 7th inst, but your letter of advice, with its enclosed schedules of deliveries has disappeared, and after the most diligent search cannot be found. I am therefore obliged reluctantly to ask you to forward duplicate statements at your early convenience.

Very Respectfully
M. G. Patrick
Acting Supt.

Frank D. Patrick Esq
Supt. U.S. Mint
Carson
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Nov 10th 3

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 8th inst was received this morning.

The enclosed Silver deposit circular will explain the only terms and conditions on which the Mint receives Silver for Coinage or bars.

Absolutely pure Silver is 1000 fine; but in commerce it may be as low as 990, or less, and still be called "fine Silver"; though not so at the Mint.

Silver 900 fine, is "Sterling Silver", that being the Standard of British silver coin.

Silver 900 fine, is "Standard Silver", being the rate fixed by our coinage laws; United States Silver coins being 900ths fine: that is, 900 parts pure silver, and 100 parts alloy.

You will see by this circular that the Mint purchases Silver bullion at 100 cents per troy ounce, Standard fineness, and pays for it in silver coin below the dollar, viz, Halves, quarters and dimes, at the option of the depositor.

Or the Mint will coin the bullion into Trade dollars, if preferred, returning the exact amount of Silver sent, less 50 cents per 100 pieces, and any small refining charge if the metal is brittle. The Mint is not authorized to pur-

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Silver bullion for greenbacks; but I understand the Director of the Mint, whose office, under the new Mint law, is in the Treasury Department at Washington, is buying Silver for coinage for which he gives 112½ cents per ounce, 900 fine payable in gold. It is probable he would buy at the equivalent in greenbacks; but on this point you will please inquire of him. His address is Hon. H. R. Linderman, Director of the Mint, Treasury Department, Washington D.C.

Very Respectfully
H C Hiskok
Acting Supt.

J. Warren Merrill Esq
Treas. Boston & Colorado Smelting Company
77 State Street
Boston, Mass

Novem 11th 3

Sir:

In reply to your letter (R.L.) of the 10th inst, received this morning, I have the honor to state that we have on hand ready for transfer this day, the following amounts of Silver coin of the denominations less than one dollar, viz:

Half dollars	$19,000.00
Quarter dollars	9,000.00
Dimes	1,000.00
Total	$29,000.00

Very Respectfully

H. C. Hiskok

Acting Supt.

Hon. Wm. A. Richardson

Secretary of the Treasury

Washington. D.C.

Nov. 11th 3

Sir.

I have to inform you that the sum of Thirty five thousand (35.000) Dollars in U.S. notes, the proceeds of sales of Mint Coins redeemed is in my hands and transferable to the General Treasury on your order.

Very Respectfully Your
A G Hickok
Acting Superintendent

Hon. W. E. Spinner
Treasurer U. S.
Washington
D.C.

Nov. 11. 3

Sir

By order of the Secretary of the Treasury, dated the 10th inst you will please deposit with the Asst Treas. U.S. at Phila to the Credit of the Appropriation for Freight on Bullion and Coin, the sum of $1,233.33 being the unexpended balance of that appropriation in your hands.

Very Respectfully
H. C. Hickok
Acting Supt

To
M. St. Cobb Esq
Cashier U.S. Assistant
at Philadelphia

Nov 11 8

Sir

Respectfully referring to your letter of the 17th of October. ult. I have to report that the following dies for the year 1874. have been duly forwarded by Express to the Mint at San Francisco. Viz

Gold.

Double Eagle	Obverse	12
Do Do	Reverse	4
Eagle	Obverse	4
Half Eagle	Obverse	4
Quarter Do	Obverse	4
Three Dollar	Reverse	2
Dollar	Reverse	2
	Total	32

Silver

Trade Dollar	Obverse	6
Do Do	Reverse	6

Over.

Silver continued.

Half Dollar	Obverse	6
Quarter do	Obverse	4
Dimes	Obverse	8
	Total	30

Very Respectfully
H. S. Roberts
Acting Supt.

Hon.
E. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
DC

Nov 11th 3

Gentlemen.

An unusual press of business has prevented an earlier acknowledgement of your letter of the 6th inst.

You very frankly and honorably state that the zinc you propose to furnish under your bid, is fully equal for all purposes, Except Bronzes, to the zincs mentioned in the letter of Supt Pollock, (who is absent at San Francisco, on official business.)

We have no use for the zinc, except to make the bronze one cent pieces. and your proposal is therefore necessarily rejected

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Supt.

Mess. Thos J Pope & Bro.
292 Pearl Street
New York.

Nov 11 3

Sir

Your letter of November 1st together with its specified remittance by Express, of silver, foreign and defaced, was duly received.

Three of the pieces proved to be spurious, and are herewith returned. The remainder were deposited in my name for recoinage, and netted the sum of $8.75. as per the enclosed Mint memorandum.

I have today deposited the amount, according to your directions, with the Asst Treasurer U. S. at Philadelphia, to the credit of your transfer account, and herewith enclose the C/D.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Supt

Hon. L. E. Spinner
Treasurer U. S.
Washington, D.C.

Nov 11th 3

Sir

Your letter of the 31st of Oct. ult. with its remittance of Gold coin of the nominal value of $45.50, was duly received.

The coins were deposited in my name for recoinage and netted the sum of $44.78, as per the enclosed Mint memorandum, which amount I this day deposited with the Asst Treasurer U.S at Philadelphia, in the name of John T Collins, Collector of Customs at the Port of Brunswick Geo. to the credit of the Treasurer U.S. on account of Duties on Imports, and herewith enclose the C/D.

I will thank you for a special acknowledgement of the receipt of this letter, and its enclosures, as my voucher

Very Respectfully
H C Kiokok
Acting Supt

J. D. Goldings, Esq
Asst Treas U.S.
Charleston, S.C.

Nov 11 3

Sir

In compliance with instructions from Hon. W. A. Richardson, Secretary of the Treasury, under date of the 10th inst, I have this day deposited with the Asst Treasurer U. S. at Philadelphia to the credit of the Appropriation for "Freight on Bullion and Coin" for the fiscal year ending June 30. 1874. the sum of $1.233.33 being the unexpended balance of that appropriation in the hands of the Superintendent of this Mint.

I enclose herewith the original certificate of deposit, as directed, and have to request that you will forward the same to the Secretary.

Very Respectfully
H. C. Hickok
Acting Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman,
Director of the Mint &c

Nov 11 3

Sir

I have this day deposited with the Asst Treasurer U. S. at Philadelphia. to the credit of the Treasurer U. S. the sum of $30.000. on account of Minor Coinage Profits. and herewith enclose the original b/d.

Very Respectfully
A6 Hicks
Acting Supt.

Hon
Wm A. Richardson.
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington
D.C.

Nov 11 ?

Sir

Enclosed please find letter of this date to the Secretary of the Treasury. transmitting b/d for $30.000. on a/c of Minor Coinage Profits. which I will thank you to forward to the Secretary.

Very Respectfully
H C Hicks
Acting Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington
D.C

Nov 11 3

Sir

In pursuance of instructions from Hon. L. E. Spinner. Treasurer U. S. under date of the 1st of November inst. I have this day deposited with the Asst Treasurer U. S at Philadelphia to the credit of the Treasurer U. S. the sum of $8.16 in silver coin. the proceeds of the recoinage of foreign and mutilated silver coin. part of the assets of a suspended National Bank. and herewith enclose the C. D.

Very Respectfully
A C Hickok
Acting Supt

Hon.
Wm A Richardson.
Secretary of the Treasury.
Washington
D.C

Nov. 12th 73

Sir.

I forward this day per Express my Bullion and Coinage a/c's &c. for the 3rd Quarter, 1873.

Very Respectfully Your's
H C Hickox
Acting Supt.

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

Nov 12th 3

Gentlemen,

An unusual pressure of business has delayed an acknowledgement of your letter of the 7th inst.

Your bid for copper was not accepted for the reason that copper from Baltimore had not proved satisfactory in the operations of the Mint, and the pressure upon us is such that it would be inadmissable to venture upon any experiments with metals.

At some other time, however, it may be in our power to give your copper a trial, without prejudice to the public interests, in which case it will receive full credit for its ascertained fitness for our purposes.

Mess. Pope, Cole & Co.
Baltimore, Md.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickcox
Acting Supt

Nov 12th 3

Sir

Enclosed I forward Certificate of the date No 273 of the deposit by Myself, with the Asst. Treasurer of the U. S. at Philadelphia, of the Sum of Fifteen Dollars and Ninety cents ($15.90) on acct of 42 yards old Carpet Sold J. B. Cowden at 37 7/8 ¢ pr yard

Very Respectfully

H C Hickok

Acting Superintendent

Hon W. A. Richardson
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington
D.C

Nov 12th 3

Sir

In compliance with regulations I herewith enclose letter to the Secretary of the Treasury and Certificate of Deposit of $15.90 on account of Old Material Sold.

Please forward the letter and Certificate to their proper destination

Very respectfully Yours

H C Hickok

Acting Superintendent

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C

Nov 12th 9

Gentlemen.

Your letter of the 31st of October, ult. has been duly received

In reply to your inquiry I have to state that the Trade Dollar is 900 fine. (9/10ths) and weighs 420 grains, 7½ grains heavier than the U. S. silver dollar which it supplants; and is intrinsically worth nearly ten cents in silver more than two halves or four quarters. It is worth about one cent more on an average, than the Mexican dollar. The latter weighs 416½ grains, and is very little superior in fineness to our Trade Dollar, say one thousandth. The Trade Dollar is intended mainly for the China and East India trade, but circulates in Nevada, and I presume could be useful on the Mexican border.

You will see by the enclosed circular that all deposits are treated as bullion. If composed of U. S. or foreign coins, we pay no attention to their nominal value, but melt them down and assay them, and convert them into coin after the exact amount of metal is thus ascertained.

Very Respectfully
A. B. Hickox
Acting Supt

Messrs.
Foster, Ludlow & Co
Austin
Texas.

Nov 13 3

Dr Sir

We have not received the ore you mention.

We only try for gold or silver; no other metals.

The charge is $5. prepaid.

Our regular duties being very great at present, we can only attend to ores at intervals, and you will probably have to wait several weeks.

Yours respy
H. G. Hickok
Acting Supt

M. La Rue Barton.
Syracuse N. Y.

P.S. One pound, or even less, is enough to send.

L.R.L.

Nov. 13th 3

Sir.

Referring to your letter of Sept. 9th 1873, suggesting a change in the mode of rendering the account of the Coiner's Silver, I would most respectfully state that as our forms and rights are arranged to suit the nominal value of the Coins, and all the vouchers passed between the Coiner and Superintendent are on the basis of nominal value, it would be objectionable on that account to make entries in our books which would not correspond with the receipts given, and Certificates paid. Were it not for this, I should be happy to make the change suggested, to aid you in the examination of my accounts.

Yours Very Respectfully

H. E. Hickok

Acting Supt.

Hon. R. W. Taylor

Comptroller &c.

Washington

Nov 13th 3

Gentlemen

Yr successful bidder for 1500 lbs fine zinc for the use of the Mint having failed to furnish the desired quality, your bid for that amount of New Jersey zinc @ 10½ cts per lb being the next lowest bid, is accepted and, by verbal order of the Superintendent before he left for San Francisco, you are notified that we are ready to receive the metal.

Very Respectfully
H Eckfeldt
Acting Supt

Messrs. Merchant & Co
507 Market St
Philadelphia

Nov^m 13 3

Hon: William A Richardson
Secretary of the Treasury
Sir

In reply to yours of the 10th inst. enclosing samples of gold for assay, from the Boise Assay Office, our Assayer reports

No 104, 723½ fine
No 105, 722½ fine.

He further states that there was not enough to make a repeated assay, nor to make an assay for silver contained.

Also that the metal was so very granular, that homogeneity could not be expected; and consequently there could be no sufficient ground for reclamation.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Acting Supt

Nov 18th 3

Sir:

Respectfully referring to your letter of the 6th of November inst, I herewith forward a Statement, in accordance with your prescribed form, showing the Number and value of the Gold and Silver coins reserved for the Annual Assay from the deliveries made by the Coiner of the Mint at Philadelphia, from January, 1873, to October, 1873, inclusive.

A similar report will be forwarded, Monthly, hereafter, as required by your instructions.

I am unable to furnish a like Statement for the Mints at Carson and San Francisco, complete, for the reason that under the 40th Section of the Coinage Act of 1873, the Assay Coins from those Mints are forwarded to us quarterly and

we are not always furnished with a Monthly Schedule. For the same reason it would not be in our power in the future to send you a Monthly Statement of the Assay Coins from these Mints.

If you desire it, I will forward so much of a Statement of the assayed coins from these Mints, from January to October, inclusive, as the incomplete records in our possession will permit. We of course can only report to you, as second hand, from the Statements they forward to us.

Very Respectfully
H. G. Hickok
Acting Superintendent

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D. C.

Nov 13th 3

Gentlemen

In reply to your telegram of this date, I have to state that the Director of the Mint, a copy of whose letter I herewith enclose, reduced the purchasing price of Standard Silver on the first of November inst; from 120 cents per ounce to 118 cents per ounce, at which latter rate your deposit of 596.44 standard ounces, was calculated, giving the correct returns as forwarded to you

Very Respectfully
H C Hickox
Acting Superintendent

Messrs Foster & Babson
Boston
Mass

Nov 14 3

Sir

By order of the Director of the Mint, under date of the 17th of October, ult, I have this day forwarded to you by the Adams Express, a sealed package containing the following dies for the Mint at Carson, for the year 1874. viz

Gold

Double Eagle		Obverse	6
Do	Do	Reverse	2
Eagle		"	2
Do		Obverse	4
Half Eagle		"	2
Do	Do	Reverse	2
Quarter Eagle		"	2
Do	Do	Obverse	2
		Total	22

over

Silver

Trade Dollar		Obverse	6
Do	Do	Reverse	6
Half	"	"	2
Do	"	Obverse	4
Quarter	"	"	2
Do	"	Reverse	2
Dime		"	2
Do		Obverse	2
		Total	26

I will thank you to report their arrival.

Very Respectfully
A. G. Richards
Acting Supt

Frank D. Hetrick Esq
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson. Nev.

Nov 14th 3

Sir:

Your letter of the 13th inst, stating that you had forwarded $220.= in Silver in payment of 200 trade dollars, and also the Silver coin have been received, and the 200 trade dollars ordered have been forwarded to you this day per Adams Expres.

Very Respectfully
H E Nickols
Acting Superintendent

Hon F. E. Spinner
Treasurer of the U.S.
Washington
D C

November 3

Sir:

Respectfully referring to your letter of advice of the 13th inst, and the corresponding orders now in the hands of the Adams Express Agent, directing the transfer of new Silver Coin to Washington, Chicago, and Pittsburgh, to the amount of $19000. I have to state that the $2000 mentioned in my letter of the 11th inst, to the Secretary of the Treasury, was Coin due the New York Assay Office, and private parties in Chicago, on deposit for Coinage, and those coins and much larger amounts have since been transferred to the Assay Office, and paid out to depositors; a process that is part of our daily business routine. The Mint has no coin belonging to the U. S. Treasury except our Bullion Fund, which fund can be drawn upon at any time by the Secretary of the Treasury under the latter clause of the 47th Section of the Coinage Act of 1873. I do not understand this to be the object of your transfer orders. If so, it will reduce our inadequate Bullion fund by that amount, to our inconvenience, and we should have to delay the payment of your transfer orders until we could get the desired

denominations of coin, and could also be obligid to postpone the pressing demands from the N. O. Assay Office, and other depositors.

Awaiting further instructions I remain

Very Respectfully

H. G. Hiskock

Acting Supt.

Hon. F. E. Spinner

Treasurer of the United States

Washington

D. C.

Nov 15 3

Sir

Enclosed I forward.

1. Statement of Coinage executed during the week ending November 15. 1873.

2 Statement of the Cashier of the amount and denominations of coin on hand November 15. 1873.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickox
Acting Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Nov 15th 3

Gentlemen:

Your letter of the 13th inst has been received today.

You labor under a misapprehension as to the terms and conditions under which coinage is executed by the Mint, and which are regulated by law.

When Silver bullion is deposited for coinage in dollars we return the exact amount of silver sent, less the coinage charge of 50 cents per 100 pieces, and any small refining charge if the metal is brittle. But if returns are wanted in silver coins of less denomination than the dollar, then we purchase the bullion at a price per standard ounce, fixed from time to time, under the act of Congress, by the Secretary of the Treasury, according to the State of the bullion market, and pay for it in coins less than the dollar, making no charge for coinage; the profits of the operation inuring to the U. S. Treasury. This is the mode prescribed by law, and is the only way in which Halves, Quarters and Dimes can be procured from the Mint.

Our purchasing price for standard silver

for this purpose, stood for many years at 1 22½ cents per ounce. Secretary Boutwell, about a year ago, reduced the price to 120 cents, and the bullion market still declining, Secretary Richardson reduced the price on the 1st of November inst. to 118 cents per ounce; at which rate our purchases are now made. I may add here that the Director of the Mint at Washington has lately made large purchases of Standard Silver for the Treasury Department, at 112½ cents per ounce, payable in gold coin.

I enclose a couple of deposit circulars for your information.

The Trade Dollar weighs 420 grains, and is intrinsically worth nearly ten cents, in silver, more than 2 Halves or 4 Quarters; and about one cent more than a Mexican dollar. It is intended mainly for the China and East India trade. Our Silver coins less than the dollar were reduced in value in 1853, to keep them at home.

Very Respectfully Yours

H C Hickcox

Acting Supt.

Messrs. Worthington & Babson

Boston, Mass.

Nov 11

Hon James Pollock
Superintendent U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Sir

In reply to the letter placed in my hands from the Office of the Director of the Mint enquiring the reason of the difference between the number of Dies sent to the Carson Mint and those contained in the order of October 17th. I beg leave to offer the following explanation.

First, because the order as sent compelled me to take something on my discretion, or cause delay by waiting for further instructions; as under the head. Silver, both Quarter Dollar and Dimes are not specified as either Obverse or Reverse.

Knowing then that the reverses always give out first and having none ordered under the head of Gold Coins for Carson Mint, and being exceedingly busy here and supposing the same pressure might happen there, when a

deficiency might cause a serious delay. Knowing also that the former order was so small, that they had to send again in the fall of the year. I concluded it was most likely to prevent inconvenience to Carson Mint by sending ten more dies rather than one less than might be required. More especially as I have dies eight in reverses for Gold Coins which had none. Reverse dies are good for any future years having no date on them. So that they will come into service any time even should you not have occasion by reading to use them in 1874.

I regret that under the idea of an unexpected demand for coin as we have here joined to my anxiety to save delay in such event, that the omission I have named in the order relating to Quarter Dollars and Dimes should have seemed to compel me to depart from my usual course of filling every order literally.

Respectfully Yours
Wm Barber
Engraver U.S. Mint

Nov 17 3

Sir

Referring to the communication from your office under date of the 15th of November, inst, I herewith enclose a statement from the Engraver of the Mint, giving the reasons for the difference between the number of dies ordered for the Carson Mint for 1874. and the number forwarded by Express on the 14th inst.

I am.

Very Respectfully
H. C. Hickok
Acting Supt.

Hon
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington
D.C

Nov 17th 3

During the absence of the Superintendent of the Mint, Visitors will not be permitted to enter the Deposit Room, except outside the Counter.

The same rule will apply to all Officers and employes of the Mint, except those whose official services are required in the Deposit Room.

The Deposit Clerk will enforce this regulation

H. C. Hickok

Acting Superintendent

Nov. 18. 3

To O. N. L^a Grange, Supt U. S. Mint
San Francisco, California.

Copies asked for are as follows:

"San Francisco, Sept. 12. 1870.

To Hon Jas Pollock, Director of the Mint.

What was purchase price last lot
Belgian Fine Fine for Branch.

O. N. L^a Grange, Supt."

"Philadelphia, Sept 14. 1870.

To O. N. L^a Grange, Esq, Supt U. S. Branch
Mint, San Francisco Cal:

Purchase price Belgian Fine
was Eight and a quarter cents per
pound. Jas. Pollock, Director Mint."

N G Kickok
Acting Supt

(Collect, Govt rate)

U S Mint Phila
Nov. 18. 3

E. S. Renwick, 19 Park Place N. Y.
Box chlorine apparatus for us in Philadelphia Custom House, addressed to you. Please forward bill of lading and cavendish invoice, endorsing them over to me.

H C Hickok
Acting Supt

Pd, Govt rates

Nov 18 3

Sir

I have today received by Express from the Mint at San Francisco, one Double Eagle, and one Trade Dollar, special Assay coins for the month of October 1873. and have delivered the same to our Assayer.

Very Respectfully
H C Nicholas
Acting Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C

Nov 18 3

Sir

The special Assay coins from your Mint for October 1873.

1 Double Eagle
1 Trade Dollar

mentioned in your letter of the 8th inst arrived by Express to day.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Acting Supt.

O. H. LaGrange Esq
Supt U. S. Mint
San Francisco
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Nov 18 3

Sir

Your letter of the 10th inst has been received.

If you will give us the date and amount of the shipment of base coins, and the place where they were sent to, including the name of the State, we will endeavor to secure a refund of the Express charges you complain of. We can make nothing out of the very incomplete statement you send us.

Yours Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Supt.

Mr. A. S. Denison.
Sysder Centre
Caledonia Co
Vt.

Nov 18 8

Dear

The business we have with you to this. There is a box of "Chlorine apparatus" for the use of this Mint in the Philadelphia Custom House received per last Steamer from England, but addressed to you; and we cannot get it out without your intervention. If you will procure me the bill of Lading, and formular invoice, qualified to by you, at the New York Custom House, it will relieve us from the predicament.

Your letter from the Continental Hotel, was not received in time to call upon you there.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Supt.

Dr Renwick, Esq
19 Park Place
New York

Telegram

U. S. Mint
Phil^a Nov. 19. 3.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq
Supt U.S. Assay Office
New York

Will send you twenty six thousand dollars in quarters to day, and twenty five thousand dollars in half dollars to morrow.

H. C. Hickok
Acting Supt

Pd. Govt. Cates

Nov 19 3

Sir

Your letter of the 18th inst has been received.

In reply would state, that the letter you refer to was not received by me. Bullion containing silver must be not less than one fourth silver to be received at the Mint and the value of the silver not less than $1.00. The assayer is not allowed for.

Very Respectfully
N. B. Kinsock
Acting Supt

Mr. W. K. Simpson
Boston
Mass.

Nov 19 3

Sir

In compliance with the instructions contained in your letter of the 18th of November, inst. I herewith enclose a statement showing the amount of Gold and Silver coin delivered this day to the Cashier of the Mint by the Coiner; the amount shipped to the Assay office, New York; the amount on hand at the close of business; and the amount in the Coiners hands not delivered.

A similar Statement will be forwarded daily, until otherwise ordered.

I enclose a communication from the Coiner in reference to the amount of coin in his hands not delivered, which he desired should be forwarded to you.

Hon. Wm. A. Richardson. Very Respectfully.
Secretary of the Treasury. A. E. Mason
Acting Supt

Statement

Nov. 20. 1873.

Showing the amount of Gold and Silver coin delivered to the Cashier by the Coiner; the amount shipped to the Assay Office, New York, the balance of such coin on hand at the close of business this day and the amount in the Coiner's hands not delivered.

Gold

Balance on hand at close of business Nov. 18. 1873		$763,072.50
Rec'd. from Coiner, Nov 19, in Half Eagles		167,000.00
	Total	$930,072.50
Shipped to N. Y. Assay Office	$ None	
Paid depositors	1,337.84	
	Balance on hand	$928,734.66

Silver

Balance on hand at close of business Nov. 18. 1873		$10,649.66
Rec'd, Nov. 19. from Coiner in Quarter Dollars		26.000.00
	Total	$36,649.66
Shipped to N. Y. Assay Office in ¼ Dollars of 26,000.00		
Paid depositors	6,193.46	$32,193.46
	Balance on hand	$ 4,456.20

Amount of Coin in the Coiner's hands not delivered (approximate)

Gold -	Double Eagles	$11,000.00	
	Quarter do	140,000.00	
	Dollars	800.00	$151,800.00
Silver -	Trade Dollars	$1,000.00	
	Half do	25,000.00	
	Quarter do	25,000.00	51,000.00
		Total	$202,800.00

Respectfully Submitted
H. C. Nichols
Acting Asst

Nov 20 3

Sir

Enclosed I forward my requisition of this date for the sum of $ 20. 158.87/100 out of the current appropriations for the support of this institution, for the service of the Mint during the month of December 1870.

The sums asked for have been carefully adjusted to our probable wants during that month, and I have earnestly to request that a draft for the amount be forwarded in time to reach us not later than the first of the month.

Very Respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Acting Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington, D.C.

Philadelphia
November 20. 8.

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Philadelphia

Twenty three thousand one
Hundred and fifty Eight 34/100 Dollars
month December 31. 1873

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his April 1st 3

3,158.34
15,000.00
5,000.00
$ 23,158.34

H C Hickok
Acting

Nov 26 3

Sir

There is now in the Philadelphia Custom House a quantity of glass and stone ware, imported from England for this Mint to be used in applying "Millers Chlorine process for refining Gold," a process we are about introducing here, in pursuance of an arrangement sanctioned and approved by the Director of the Mint. These articles are necessary for our purposes, and being for the Government service, I suppose are entitled to be admitted free of duty. If this be the case, I respectfully request that you will give such directions to the Collector of the Port as will enable us to obtain them without paying the duties to

which they would otherwise be liable.

They were consigned to Mr. E. L. Renwick, attorney in fact for Prof. Miller the patentee of the process. but directed to him at the Mint. though not for him, but the property, and for the use of the Mint.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Supt

Hon.
Wm A Richardson.
Secretary of the Treasury.
Washington
D.C

Nov 20 9

Sir

Enclosed I forward Statement of the Coin this day delivered, undelivered, paid deposittors, and shipped to the New York Assay office.

Very Respectfully
H B Richards
Acting Supt

Hon
Wm A Richardson.
Secretary of the Treasury.
Washington
D.C

Statement showing the amount of Gold and Silver coin delivered Nov. 20th 1873 to the Cashier by the Coiner; the amount shipped to the Assay Office, New York, the balance of such coin on hand at the close of business, and the amount in the Coiner's hands not delivered.

Gold

Balance per last statement		$928,734.66
Recd. from Coiner in Quarter Eagles		158,000.00
	Total	$1,086,734.66
Shipped to N. Y. Assay Office	$ None	
Paid depositors		4,591.26
	Balance on hand	$1,082,143.40

Silver

Balance per last statement		$ 4,456.20
Recd. from Coiner in Half dollars		28,000.00
	Total	$ 32,456.20
Shipped to N. Y. Assay Office in Half dollars	$ 24,893.28	
Paid depositors		14.00
	Balance on hand	$ 32,442.20

Amount of coin in the Coiner's hands not delivered (approximate)

Gold –	Double Eagles	$11,000	
	Quarter do	10.000	
	Dollars	.800	$ 21,800.00
Silver	Trade Dollars	$ 1,000	
	Half do	20,000	
	Quarter do	25,000	46,000.00
		Total	$ 67,800.00

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia Nov. 20th 1873.

H C Kirkpatrick
Acting Supt.

Nov 20 3

Sir

In compliance with the instructions from your office, under date of the 19th of November, inst, a list of all the Officers, clerks and employes of this Mint will be made out and forwarded as soon as may be practicable.

Very Respectfully
H. C. Hickok
Acting Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington
D.C.

Nov. 21. 3.

Sir,

The U.S. Mint never struck or issued a gold coin of less denomination than One Dollar. I am therefore unable to send you two gold Half Dollars as requested in your letter of the 20th inst. The one dollar gold piece enclosed in your letter, is herewith returned by Express, as requested. For the .25 cts and .50 cts gold pieces issued by private parties in California & Elsewhere, your application should be made to the regular coin-dealers.

Respectfully
H. B. Hickok
Acting Supt

H. A. Whitney, Esq
U.S. Treas. Office
Washington D.C.

Nov 21st 3

Gentlemen

Your letter of the 13th inst. was inadvertantly overlooked, or it would have received an immediate reply.

The two enclosed circulars will advise you of the terms and conditions on which gold and silver bullion is received at the Mint for coinage.

For all gold coins, and for the silver dollar, we return the metal sent, in coin, deducting the refining charge, if any, and the charge for coinage; but for silver coins of less denomination than the dollar, a different rule prevails. In that case the Mint, as you will see by the circulars, buys the silver at a specified rate per standard ounce, fixed from time to time by the Secretary

of the Treasury by authority of law, and pays for it in the subsidiary silver coins, without any coinage or refining charge to the depositor: the profits of the operation inuring to the U. S. Treasury. This is in accordance with the requirements of the Act of Congress, and is the only way in which Halves, Quarters and Dimes can be procured from the Mint.

The Mint price for standard silver, for this purpose, stood for many years at 122½ cents per ounce. About a year ago, Secretary Boutwell reduced it to 120 cents per ounce: and silver bullion still falling in the market, Secretary Richardson reduced the price, on the first of this month, to 118 cents per ounce, which is the present governing price.

When U. S. or foreign coins

are deposited for recoinage. we receive them only as bullion. paying no attention whatever to their nominal value as coin. They are melted and assayed and accounted for at their exact bullion value. as thus ascertained.

Any further information you may desire with regard to your coinage interests here. will be cheerfully furnished.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Supt.

Mess.
E. D. Bangs & Co.
No 88 State Street
Boston.
Mass.

Nov 21 9

Sir

Enclosed I forward statement of coin this day delivered. undelivered, paid depositors and shipped to the Assay Office New York.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickox
Acting Supt

Hon
Wm A Richardson
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington
D.C

Statement showing the amount of Gold and Silver coin delivered Nov 21st 1873. to the Cashier by the Coiner; the amount shipped to the Assay Office, New York, the balance of such coin on hand at the close of business, and the amount in the Coiner's hands not delivered.

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Gold

Balance per last statement		$1,082,143.40
Received from Coiner	(None)	156.10
Amount Paid Depositors		
	Balance on hand	$1,082,299.50

Silver

Balance per last statement		$ 32,442.20
Recd from Coiner in Half Dollars		31,000.00
	Total	$ 63,442.20
Shipped to New York Assay Office in Half Dolls $30,000.00		
Paid depositors	15.50 =	30,015.50
	Balance on hand	$33,426.70

Amount of coin in the Coiner's hand not delivered (approximate)

Gold –	Double Eagles	$11,000	
	Quarter do	10,000	
	Dollars	800	$21,800.00
Silver –	Trade Dollars	$1,000	
	Half do	4,000	
	Quarter do	25,000	30,000.00
		Total	$51,800.00

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia Nov. 21st 1873
H. C. Hiskok
Acting Supt

Corrected Statement

Statement showing the amount of Gold & Silver Coin delivered Nov. 21st 1873 to the Cashier by the Coiner; the amount shipped to the Assay Office, New York, the balance of such coin on hand at the close of business and the amount in the Coiner's hands not delivered.

Gold

Balance per last statement		$1,082,143.40
Paid depositors		156.10
Balance on hand		$1,081,987.30

Silver

Balance per last Statement		$32,442.20
Rec'd from Coiner in Half Dollars		31,000.00
Total		$63,442.20
Shipped to New York Assay Office in Half Dolls	$30,000.00	
Paid depositors	15.50	30.015.50
Balance on hand		$33426.70

Amount of coin in the Coiner's hands not delivered (approximate)

Gold —	Double Eagles	$11,000	
	Quarter do	10,000	
	Dollars	800	$21,800.00
Silver —	Trade Dollars	$1,000	
	Half do	11,000	
	Quarter do	25,000	30,00000
	Total		$ 51,800.00

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia Nov. 21st, 1873
H. B. Whitney
Acting Supt

Nov 21 3

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 19th inst. I have only to say that the Mint does not pay the cost of transportation on minor coins forwarded to us for redemption under Department Circular of March 24. 1893. We have no funds for that purpose.

Your shipment was probably forwarded to the Mint by mistake. As I understand the circular, each Asst Treasurer and Depository retains all the minor coins received for redemption, and forwards the certificate to the Secretary of the Treasury for payment by check: the Mint, the U. S. Treasurer, the Asst Treasurers, and the U. S. De-

-positories

being independent redemption agencies. having no connection with each other for that purpose.

Your proper course would probably be to forward no redeemed minor coins to the Mint except upon a transfer order from the Treasurer. U. S. and then only after a quantity has accumulated on your hands.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Supt

J. D. Webster. Esq
Asst Treasurer. U. S.
Chicago
Ill.

Nov 22 3

Sir

Enclosed I forward.

1. Statement of Coinage executed during the week ending November 22. 1873.

2. Statement of the Cashier of the amount and denominations of coin on hand November 22. 1873.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington
D.C.

Nov 22 3

Sir

Enclosed I forward a statement of the coins this day delivered, undelivered, paid depositors, and shipped to the Assay office New York.

I also enclose a corrected statement for November 21. 1873. there having been an error in the calculation of the gold balance: and have to request that you will file it in place of the one forwarded yesterday.

Very Respectfully
H C Hiskok
Acting Supt

Hon.
Wm A Richardson.
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington
D.C

Statement showing the amount of Gold and Silver coin delivered Nov. 22d 1873. to the Cashier by the Coiner; the amount shipped to the Assay Office, New York, the balance of such coin on hand at the close of business, and the amount in the Coiner's hands not delivered.

Gold

Balance per last Statement		$1,081,987.30
Rec'd from Coiner in One dollar pieces		20.000.00
	Total	$1,101,987.30
Shipped to New York Assay Office	$(None)	
Paid depositors		2,253.43
	Balance on hand	$ 1,099,733.87

Silver

Balance per last Statement		$ 63,442.20
Rec'd from Coiner in Quarter Dollars		25.000.00
	Total	$ 88,442.20
Shipped to New York Assay Office in Quar Dols	$ 16,000.00	
Paid depositors	3,413.73	19,413.73
	Balance on hand	$ 69,028.27

Amount of coin in Coiner's hands not delivered (approximate)

Gold	Double Eagles		$ 11,000.
	Quarter do		10,000.
	Dollars		20,000.
		Total	$ 41,000.
Silver	Trade Dollars	$ 1,000	
	Half do	5,000	
	Quarter do	30,000	40,000
		Total	$ 81,000.

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia Nov. 22d 1873
H C Kirkbride
Acting Supt

Nov 24 3

Sir.

Your letter of the 21st inst, with enclosed samples of ore, has been received.

In reply would inform you that it is boy iron, of the shape called pipe-iron, not likely to be worth smelting.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Supt.

Mr. Daniel Siul
Columbia Furnace. P.O.
Shenandoah Co
Va

Nov 24 3

Sir

Your letter of the 20th inst with enclosed specimen of ore, has been received.

In reply would inform you that it is bog iron of little account unless there is a great bed of it, in which case it might pay to erect an iron furnace.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Supt.

Mr
Henry Harris.
Franklin
Ky.

Nov 24 3

Sir

Referring to your letter of the 19th inst. I have to acknowledge the receipt of one package of blanks on which to report the monthly coinage of this Mint hereafter, and also one package of blank monthly statements of Bars manufactured.

The blank "statments of gold and silver of domestic production" and "Deposits and Purchases" mentioned in your letter, have not yet come to hand.

In the form for the monthly statement of coinage, I notice that you include the two cent piece, a coin that was abolished on the 1st of April last, by the 16th and 17th sections of the Coinage Act of 1873.

and none have been struck since that date. I may add, however that it is frequently called for in the orders we receive for minor coins.

Very Respectfully
A. E. Hicks
Acting Supt.

Hon
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington
D.C.

Nov 24 3

Gentlemen.

Your letter of the 21st inst, has been received.

The new mint law contemplates an even exchange of silver coines for gold, dollar for dollar, in sums of not less than one hundred dollars, but the Department has not yet made arrangements to carry it into effect. In the mean time it it would be your better policy to buy silver bullion for gold, and send it to the Mint to be coined on the terms of the enclosed circular. The production of native silver is now very large, and I presume you could buy silver bullion for gold at very reasonable rates from the smelting works, or

dealers in bullion, in Chicago or New York; or you could buy silver coin, for gold, from Banks or Brokers in the large cities.

The Trade Dollar weighs 420 grains, the heaviest silver coin ever issued by the Mint. It is worth about one cent more than the average Mexican or Spanish dollars which it is intended to supplant in the China and East India trade. It is intrinsically worth nearly ten cents in silver more than two halves or four quarters; and is not designed for home circulation. The only way you can get Trade dollars from the Mint is to deposit silver bullion, and have them coined to order.

In 1853 our silver coins (long the dollars) were reduced in value, by act of Congress,

to keep them at home, and since that date the whole dollar has had but little home circulation.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Supt.

Messrs. Va B. Vincent & Bro
McConnellsville
Ohio.

Nov. 24. 3.

Sir,

Your request of the 22nd inst. to have a copper proof set struck from metal to be furnished by yourself cannot be complied with.

I enclose a Medal Circular.

The Mint Report for 1873 is not yet out. It will be issued from the Office of the Director of the Mint, Treasury Department, Washington D.C. in December.

Very Respectfully
H. L. Hickok
Acting Supt

Enos W. Taft, Esq
Burlington, Vt.

Nov 24 3

Sir

Enclosed I forward Statement of Coinage deliveries and transfers. for Nov 24. 1873.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Supt.

Hon.
Wm A Richardson.
Secretary of the Treasury.
Washington
D.C.

Coinage Statement.
Nov. 24th. 1873.

Gold

Balance per last statement		$1,099,733.87
Received from Coiner (None		
	Total	$1,099,733.87
Shipped to New York Assay Office (None)		
Paid depositors		1,016.50
	Balance on hand	$1,098,717.37

Silver

Balance per last Statement		$69,028.27
Rec'd from Coiner in Quarter dollars		30,000.00
	Total	$99,028.27
Shipped to New York Assay Office in Quarter dollars	$30,000.00	
Paid depositors	12,596.71	42,596.71
	Balance on hand	$ 56.43156

Amount of coin in Coiner's hands not delivered (approximate)

Gold —	Double Eagles	$ 11,000	
	Quarter do	10,000	
	Dollars	25,000	$46,000.00
Silver —	Trade Dollars	$ 3,000	
	Half do	5,000	
	Quarter do	14,800	22,800.00
		Total	$ 68,800.00

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia Nov. 24th 1873
A. Loudon Snowden
Acting Supt

Nov 25 3

Sir

Your four specimens of minerals received here Sept 29th have been assayed.

No 1. as already reported to you, shows only a trace of silver.

No 2. shows twelve ounces of gold to the ton of 2000 lbs.— say $248.— This we have assayed repeatedly, but with various results, and it would be well for you to send a sample to some other assayer to see how far it corresponds.

No 3 and 4 only show a trace of silver.

The $20. for above assays have been received.

Our business is so very pressing that we can make no more assays of ores.

Very Respectfully.
[illegible] Acting Supt

Mr. L. E. Torinus.
South Stillwater Minn.

Novr 25 3

Dear Sir

I wrote to you on the 13th, stating that your specimen of ore had not come to hand; nor has it come yet.

The business of the Assayer is so pressing, that he has to decline making assays of ores. I therefore return the $5 which you sent. Also your Express Bill.

We can give the names of several private Assayers in this city, if you wish.

Yours resp'y

H C Hickok

Acting Supt

Mr La Rue Barton
Syracuse, N.Y.

Nov 25 3

Sir

Enclosed I forward Statement of coinage deliveries and transfers. for November 25. 1873.

Very Respectfully
H C Kickok
Acting Supt

Hon.
Wm A Richardson
Secretary of the Treasury.
Washington
D.C

Coinage Statement

Nov 26. 1873

Gold

Balance per last Statement	$1,098,717,37
Received from Coiner in one dollar pieces	28.800.00
	$1.127.517.37
Shipped to N.Y. Assay Office (None)	
Paid to Depositors	285.36
Balance on hand	$1.127.232.01

Silver

Balance per last Statement	$ 56,431.56
Received from Coiner in Trade Dollars	3.400.00
" " " " Quarter Dollars	14.800.00
" " " " Dimes	9.000.00
	$ 83,631,56
Shipped to N.Y. Assay Office (None)	
Paid Depositors (None)	
Balance on hand	$83.631.56

Amount of Coin in Coiner's hands Not delivered (Approximate)

Gold—	Double Eagles	$ 11.000	
	Half do	20.000	
	Quarter do	10.000	
	Dollars	4.000	$ 45.000.00
Silver—	Half Dollars	$ 25.000	
	Quarter do	11.000	
	Dimes	4.000	33.000.00
			$ 78.000.00

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia Nov 25. 1873

A E Kirkbride

Nov 26 3

Sir

Your letter of the 20th inst has been received.

In reply would state, that the Mint Report for 1873 has not yet been issued, and this year will be prepared by the Treasury Department at Washington, to whom your application should be addressed.

Very Respectfully
James Pollock
Supt.
per H. B. Pollock
Supt's Clerk.

Mr. W. D. McKinney
Pine Bush
Orange Co
N. Y.

Nov 26 3

Sir

Referring to your letter (R. L.) of the 25th inst. with regard to the sett b/o. $85. of November 11, issued by the Asst Treasurer U. S. at Philadelphia in the name of John Y. Collins. Collector of Customs at Brunswick, Geo. for $74.75 gold coin and calling your attention to the enclosed gold-deposit-circular and Mint Memorandum, I have respectfully to state, that I find myself unable to carry out the directions given in your letter, for the reason that the only person known in the transaction to the books and accounts of the Mint is H. B. Hickok in whose name the deposit was made for recoinage, as an accom-
-modation

to the Asst Treasurer U. S. at Charleston, S. C. who could not make the deposit in person. The warrant was issued to H. C. Hickok, and the money paid to him; and with that payment the connection of the Mint with the affair was ended, except so far as the correspondence was concerned. The money was then disposed of by Mr. Hickok as the private agent of the Asst Treasurer at Charleston. It could have been forwarded to the latter by Express, but as the most convenient mode, it was, in compliance with his suggestion, deposited with the Asst Treasurer here, and the bill mailed to the Asst Treasurer at Charleston, in precisely the same manner, as had frequently been done before, in behalf of other Asst Treasurers, and Collectors of Customs.

With that remittance to the Asst Treasurer at Charleston, the agency of Mr Hickok, and the responsibility of the Superintendent of the Mint was ended.

The Mint is not a Sub treasury or U. S. Depository: Its function is to execute coinage for depositors of bullion; and in the recoinage under consideration, the U. S. Treasurer, the Asst Treasurers at Philadelphia, and Charleston, the collector of customs at Brunswick Geo. and the Superintendent of the Mint are not known to the books and accounts of the Mint.

The Mint has not had, and has not now, any such accounts, either quarterly or otherwise, with the Treasurer U. S. or the Asst Treasurers, as your letter indicates, and it is therefore out of our power

power to make such entries and changes on our books as you have directed.

I suppose it would be the better policy hereafter, to avoid confusion and misapprehension, to let such deposits for recoinage to be made in the regular way, by the Adams Express Agent who brings them.

The b/s. enclosed in your letter are respectfully returned, that they may be transmitted direct to whatever officer should be charged with the execution of your instructions. The entry in red ink in the b/s was merely intended as an informal voucher for the protection of Mr Hickok, he having no other evidence, except the limited correspondence to show that he had made a proper

disposition

disposition of the money.

Very Respectfully
H C Hicks
Acting Supt.

Hon
Wm A Richardson.
Secretary of the Treasury.
Washington
D.C.

Nov 26 3

Sir

I have received by this mornings mail. the package of blanks mentioned in your letter of the 25th inst. on which to make our monthly statements of gold and silver of domestic production. and deposits and purchases.

Very Respectfully
H C Hiskok
Acting Supt

Hon
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C

Nov 26 3

Sir

Enclosed I forward Statement of coinage deliveries. and transfers. for November 26. 1878.

Very Respectfully
H C Hiskok
Acting Supt.

Hon.
Wm A Richardson.
Secretary of the Treasury.
Washington
D.C

Coinage Statement

Nov. 26th 1873

Gold

Balance per last statement		$1,127,232.01
Rec'd from Coiner in Half Eagles		30,000 00
	Total	$1,157,232.01
Shipped to N. Y. Assay Office	$ (None)	
Paid to depositors		2,753,74
	Balance on hand	$1,154,478.27

Silver

Balance per last Statement		$83,631.56
Rec'd from Coiner in Half Dollars	$28,000	
" " " in Dimes	12,000	40,000.00
	Total	$123,631.56
Shipped to N. Y. Assay Office	$ (None)	
Paid depositors		1,647.48
	Balance on hand	$121,984.08

Amount of Coin in Coiner's hands not delivered (approximate)

Gold	Double Eagles	$11,000	
	Quarter do	10,000	
	Dollars	15,000	$36,000.
Silver	Trade Dollars	$25,000	
	Quarter do	11,000	
	Dimes	11,000	33,000
		Total	$69,000

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia Nov 26th 73

Telegram

U. S. Mint, Phila
Nov. 28. 3.

Hon. F. A. Sawyer
Asst Sec'y of the Treasury
Washington D. C.
Will mail list of Employes to
day o'clock tonight.
H C Hickok
Acting Supt

Mail

Nov 28th 3

Sir:

In reply to your letter of 21st inst. I have to say, the following described balances were standing to your credit on the books of the Mint on Oct 31st 1873, viz;

U. S. Bullion Fund	$1,211,919.82
Minor Coinage Acct	25,889.42
Minor Coinage Redemption Fund	121,002.75
Minor Coinage Reissue Acct	33,300.00

In consequence of the severe illness of the Book-keeper I have been unable to furnish this information sooner.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickcox
Acting Supt.

Hon. F. E. Spinner
Treasurer of the United States
Washington D.C.

Nov 28th 3

Sir:

Enclosed I forward an informal statement of todays coinage deliveries and transfers, and tomorrow will send you a sett of corrected statements to date, as requested in your letter of the 26th inst.

Very Respectfully
H C Hiskok
Acting Supt.

Hon. W. A. Richardson
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

Coinage Statement
Nov. 28th 1873.

Gold

Received from Coiner in Dollars $17,600.00
Shipped to New York Assay Office (None)

Silver

Received from Coiner in Half Dollars $15,000.00

Shipped to New York Assay Office Half Dolls $20,266.21
" " " Dimes 16,180.20 $36,446.41

Amount of coin in Coiner's hands not delivered (approximate)

Gold –	Double Eagles	$11,000	
	Half Eagles	90,000	
	Quarter do	10,000	$111,000.00
Silver –	Half Dollars	$25,000	
	Quarter do	14,000	
	Dimes	4,000	43,000.00
		Total	$154,000.00

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia Nov 28th 1873.
H. C. Hickok
Acting Supt.

Nov 26. 3.

Sir,

Enclosed I forward, in compliance with your instructions, a complete list of the Officers, clerks and Employees of the Mint at Philadelphia.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman,
Director of the Mint,
Washington D. C.

Nov 29 3

Sir

Enclosed I forward Statement of Minor Coins Redeemed at this Mint during the month of November 1873.

There were no Minor Coins exchanged, during the month of November 1873.

Very Respectfully
H. Hickok
Acting Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Nov 29th 3

Sir:

Herewith I forward corrected statements of the daily deliveries, and transfers of Coin, from Nov. 20th 1873, to Nov. 29th, inclusive, omitting the 23d and 27th, Sunday and Thanksgiving Day.

Very Respectfully

H C Hickok

Acting Supt.

Hon. Wm A. Richardson

Secretary of the Treasury

Washington D.C.

Novem 29 3

Sir:

Enclosed I forward statement of the Coinage executed at this Mint during the month of November 1873, together with the Coiners explanation of the character of the months work.

The statements of the Bars executed and Deposits and Purchases will be forwarded next week.

Very Respectfully

H C Hickok

Acting Supt.

Hon. H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington D.C.

Nov 29 3.

Sir

Enclosed I forward weekly Statement of Coinage, of this date. Also Cashier's Statement of the amount and denominations of Coin on hand at the close of business today.

Very Respectfully
H. C. Hickok
Acting Supt

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Nov 29 3

Sir

At the close of business this day I made the usual monthly count and examination of the monies in the hands of the Cashier of the Mint with the following result viz.

Gold	$1.289.687.93
Silver	62.546.40
Notes	88.112.04
Minor coins	9.615.00
Do " Redemption	126.244.91
Do " Exchanged	684.64
Total.	$1.576.890.97

which corresponds with his books.

I also made examination into the general condition and and operations of the Mint and the Institution was found

to

to be in good working order and its business conducted in a careful and satisfactory manner.

Very Respectfully
H C Hiskok
Acting Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C

Dec 1 3

Sir

In reply to your letter of Nov 29th. requesting a speedy delivery of Half Dollars to enable you to meet the requisition made upon you by the Secretary of the Treasury. I have to state that instructions have been given to run the coining presses almost exclusively upon half dollars; and transfers will be made to your office as rapidly as they can be coined.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Supt

Thos. C. Acton, Esq
Supt U. S. Assay Office.
New York.

Dec 1 3

Sir

In reply to your letter of Nov 29th. I have to state that we expect to fill your order of the 19th ult. for minor coins, by Thursday, the 4th of December inst. The delay has been caused by sudden large demands for minor coins on the part of the U. S. Treasurer and the public, at a time when the Mint was meeting exceptionally heavy requisitions from the Government for gold and silver coinage.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickcox
Acting Supt

C. H. Patterson Esq.
Depy Asst Treasurer. U. S
New-York

Dec 1 3

Sir

Enclosed I forward report of Coins reserved for Annual Assay at this Mint for the month of November 1873.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Supt

Thos
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Dec 1 3

Sir

Referring to your letter of the 19th of Nov. ult. I have to report that the $275. gold coin (nominal value) which you forwarded by Express, netted, upon recoinage, the sum of $271.67 as per the enclosed Mint memorandum.

In accordance with your directions I have this day deposited the amount in your name, with the Asst Treasurer U.S. at Philadelphia, to the credit of the Treasurer U.S. on account of Duties on Imports, and herewith forward triplicate certificates of deposit. I will thank you for a special acknowledgement of the receipt of [illegible] as a voucher for the Supt.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Acting Supt.

D K Cu[illegible]
Special Dpy Coll of [illegible]ns. Rochester N.Y.

Dec 1 73

Sir-

Enclosed I forward statement of coinage deliveries and transfers for December 1. 1873, only.

Very Respectfully
A. E. Hickcox
Acting Supt.

Hon
Wm A. Richardson
Secretary of the Treasury.
Washington
D.C.

Dec 2 9

Sir

Enclosed I forward Statement of Coinage deliveries and transfers for December 2. 1872.

Very Respectfully
James Pollock
Superintendent
per W. Pollock
Supt's clerk.

Hon.
Wm A. Richardson.
Secretary of the Treasury.
Washington
D.C.

Dec 3 3

Sir

Your letter (H.L.J.) of the 1st inst, advising of inaccuracies in the list of Officers, Clerks, and Workmen in this Mint, forwarded on the 28th of November ult, and its want of agreement with the list on the books in the office of the Director of the Mint has been received.

As soon as Mr Pickett the acting Superintendent, who is confined to his house by sickness; or the Superintendent, who is expected home tomorrow, returns, your letter will receive due attention, and reply.

In the mean time I will make inquiry into the errors re-

-ported,

to terminate their connection.

Very Respectfully
Your obedient Servant
W. B. Pollock
Supt. to Clerk

Hon.
Wm. A. Richardson.
Secretary of the Treasury.
Washington
D.C.

Dec 8

Gentlemen.

Your letter of the 1st inst. and samples of ores by Express, have been received.

In reply would state, that we are so pressed with the regular work of the Mint, that we have about given up the assay of ores for the present; but will make this an exception, if time is given us. We cannot make the assay until some time in January. If this will not answer, we can send you the names of private assayers.

The Mint charge of $5.00 for each assay should be forwarded in all cases.

Very Respectfully
James Pollock, Supt.
per W.B.P. Supts clerk

Messrs
Lindeman & Stone
275 Main St. Cincinnati

Dec 4 3

Sir

Your letter of the 2d inst. (L.O.R. H.B.L.) directing my attention to certain differences in the statements rendered from this Institution of coin on hand on the 29th ult. has been received.

Respecting the balance on hand as shown by the daily statement of deliveries and transfers, I would respectfully state, that as the payments from day to day of gold and silver certificates are of a mixed character, gold being paid on silver certificates, and silver on gold certificates, in giving the Department the statement, the blanks are filled according to the actual assets in kind on hand, excepting minor coins;

in addition to which the assay coins, while not being strictly a payment, are charged in a special account and set aside according to law. This will explain why these statements do not exactly agree with the Cashiers Weekly Statements and the monthly count of the coins.

A new set of the above mentioned Statements have been prepared, to take the place of those already forwarded, in which the assay coins withdrawn are noted. But from the very nature of the case, the statement cannot be rendered in exact conformity to the condition of the assets, for reasons above stated.

From time to time adjusting entries are made to correct the balances between the Gold and Silver, the total of which is always correct.

The "Cashiers Weekly Statement" and the "Monthly Count and Examination" differ only in consequence of the former being rendered to show how much coin is on hand, in obedience to the requisition from the Director calling for coin statements only. The bars in the hands of the Cashier are counted in the monthly examinations, thus showing the difference referred to.

Trusting that this explanation will prove comprehensive and satisfactory.

I am
Very Respectfully.
James Pollock
Superintendent
per W. C. Pollock
Supt's Clerk

Hon
Wm. A. Richardson.
Secretary of the Treasury.
Washington
D.C.

December 4 3

Sir

Enclosed I forward revised Statements of Coinage Deliveries and Transfers from Nov 20, 1875. to December 1st. inclusive; also Statements for December 2. 3 and 4. These last have been withheld for the purpose of making them to conform with the foregoing Statements.

Very Respectfully
James Pollock
Superintendent

Hon.
Wm A Richardson.
Secretary of the Treasury.
Washington
D.C.

per W B Pollock.
Supt's Clerk

Dec 5th 3

Sir

Your letter of the 4th returning letter from this office dated Nov 20th acknowledging the receipt of $5.500 in currency for return in minor coins, is at hand.

I find upon examination that the acknowledgment should have been sent to the Asst Treasurer U.S. at New York.

The money came enclosed in a sealed legal envelope, with the printed Treasury heading and a statement of the amount of nickels on the outside, but not accompanied by letter, Signature or instructions; and the clerk supposed it was from the Department at Washington.

On examining the envelope now, I find the letters "N. Y." in obscure fancy type, after the words "United States

Treasury". The mistake was very natural under the circumstances

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Superintendent

Hon L. R. Tuttle
Asst Treas U. S.
Washington
D. C

P. S. The minor coins have been forwarded to New York.

Dec 5 3

Sir

Enclosed I forward Statement of bullion deliveries and transfers for December 5. 1873.

Very Respectfully
Wm Pollock
Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C

Decr. 6th 3

Sir.

Your letter of the 5th inst, settling my a/c. of Ordinary Expenses to September 30th 1873 and stating that the sum of $31.159.34 is not credited therein, the same being the amount of Transfer Warrant No. 1725, dated September 29th 1873, is received.

I would respectfully state that the warrant above referred to was received at this Institution on October 1st 1873 and will be found credited in my Ordinary a/c. for that month, now in your Office. I would also further ask your attention to the fact that the amount of the said Warrant is $31.158.34, a difference of $1.00 in my favor. Please refer.

Very Respy Yours

Jas. Powell
Supt.

Hon. R. W. Taylor
1st Comptroller &c
Washington D.C.

Dec. 6th 3

Sir.

Enclosed I forward my a/c. of Ordinary Expenses for November 1873 with the vouchers.

Also my a/c. of Expenditures for metals purchased &c. for the same period.

Very Respectfully Yours

Jas. Pollock
Superintendent

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Dec 6. 3.

Gentlemen,

Please mail the Daily Globe to this Mint during the present session of Congress. Send duplicate receipted bills, and the money will be forwarded to you by return mail.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Publishers
'Daily Globe'
Washington D.C.

Dec 6 3

Sir

Your letter of the 5th inst has been received.

The Mint charges $5.00 for each assay of ore for gold or silver. One half pound of ore is enough for the purpose which must be sent to the Mint at your expense.

On account of the Assayer being very busy at present it would be some time before he could make a report; say ten days, or two weeks.

Very Respty

J. A. Pouey

Supt.

W. L. Manges, Esq
Sunbury
Pa

Dec 6 9

Sir

Enclosed I forward Statement of Coinage deliveries and transfers for December 6. 1879.

Very Respectfully
J. Ross Snowden
Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C

Dec 6 3

Sir

Enclosed I forward Statement of the coinage at this Mint for week ending December 6. 1873.

Very Respectfully
A. Patterson
Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Dec 8 3

Sir

Enclosed I forward Statement of Bars manufactured at this Mint during the month of October 1875; also Statement of Deposits and Purchased of Gold and Silver Bullion, at this Mint during the same month.

Similar Statements for the month of November will be made out and forwarded as soon as the calculations can be brought up.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Superintendent

Hon.
Ob. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Dec 8 3

Sir

Referring to your letter of November 7th ult calling for certain statements from the Melters and Refiners and the Boilers from the date of the last settlement to the close of the Quarter ending September 30th 1873. and similar Statements monthly thereafter a desire is expressed to know whether the Statement furnished by the Boilers shall present the aggregate loss in Rolling, cutting, Annealing, Cleaning and Adjusting; or do you wish a Statement exhibiting the loss in each manipulation in each separate working?

The required Statement for the Boilers department has been delayed

delayed by the heavy protracted illness. The Melter and Refiners Statement for the first period named was duly forwarded to your office. The Monthly Statements from both departments will be promptly transmitted hereafter.

Very Respectfully
Jas. P. Leach
Superintendent

To
Hon.
R. P. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Dec 8 3

Sir

Complaint is made to me that we have been troubled a great deal for the past month with an inferior article of coal. The Engines have frequently been compelled to stop from an insufficient supply of steam, thus delaying the operations of the Miners department.

This morning the large engine was idle for at least twenty minutes, and the small engine that drives the Cutting Presses, and Saw Benches, has not been able to do its work satisfactorily at all.

Good coal is indispensable to the operations of the Mint and I have to request that you will

give the matter your immediate attention.

Very Respectfully
J. W. Powell
Supt.

Mr. W. W. Alter
No 957 North 9th St.
Philadelphia

Dec 8 73

Sir

Enclosed I forward Statement of Coinage deliveries and transfers for December 8. 1873.

Very Respectfully
Jos. Pollock
Superintendent

Hon
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Dec 9 73

Sir

Enclosed I forward Statement of Coinage deliveries and transfers for December 9. 1873.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Dec 9 3

Sir

In compliance with your request of the 8th inst. I herewith enclose a Statement of the Coins for the annual assay, received at the Mints at San Francisco and Carson, during the months of January, February, and March 1870.

Very Respectfully
[signature]
Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington
D.C.

Dec 10. 3.

Gentlemen,

Your letter of the 9th inst. has been received.

In reply to your inquiry I have to state that the balance of samples of Sweeps called for in your letter were forwarded to you yesterday.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Polmch
Supt.

Messrs
Spear, Howard & Waters
17 John Street
New York

Dec 10 3

Sir

Your letter of the 6th inst. asking the preparation of "Medal and Specimen Coin Circulars" has been received.

Enclosed I forward the circulars embracing most of the suggestions contained in your communication of the 14th of August last.

In the circulars now sent I have retained the clause assigning to one of my clerks the duty of attending to the orders - keeping the accounts, and the custody of the medals, as has been the rule and practice for years. This for my security and relief, I desire to be retained.

The heading of the list of Medals.

Medals has been changed to embrace the gold and silver medals, as contained in your suggestion, but not in the same order. The order of the former list has been retained for the reason that all the boxes and drawers containing medals are numbered and described as stated in the list; and to change the circular now would require new numbering on our drawers and produce a confusion that would be very embarrasing. Again, so many of the old circulars with the existing numbers, and descriptions have for years been issued, that nearly all orders for medals are by the present numbers and prices are easily filled, and thus the necessity of returning orders and issuing new lists is avoided, as no possible advantage can be

be gained on the score of economy, dispatch of business, or my security, by the change suggested. I have retained the form and numbers of the old list and feel assured that on reflection you will approve what is now submitted.

As I am deeply interested in the successful management of this Department, and as long experience has shown that the Medal list has afforded full information to the persons who purchase, & is in accordance with the law and regulations. I ask respectfully your approval.

The other suggestions of your note have been adopted by striking out of the list the gold and silver proof coins.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Superintendent

Thos. Th. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

P.S.

I enclose two copies of the circular signed by myself as Superintendent. Please approve and return one to me.

Dec 10 3

Sir-

Enclosed I forward statement of Coinage deliveries and transfers for December 10. 1878.

Very Respectfully
J. A. Broach
Superintendent

To
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Dec 10th 3

Sir

Enclosed I forward my requisition of this date, marked "Special", for the sum of $8,000.= for Contingent Expenses, for the present month of December in addition to the amount already received.

I find that we will need this additional amount to carry us through, and (subject to your approval) I will thank you to cause a draft for the amount to be forwarded to me at the earliest convenience of the Department.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Superintendent

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C

Dec 10th 3

Sir

The box of gold dust, by Express, mentioned in your letter of the 9th inst, has been received and deposited for coinage by the Agent of the Adams Express Company, in accordance with the requirements of the enclosed Mint circular. He will account to you for the proceeds.

The Mint does not exchange the precious Metals for paper Money. I can furnish you fifty ounces of chemically pure, or coin Silver, as you may designate, but will require an equivalent in Silver

Very Respectfully

[signature]
Superintendent

Geo B. McCarter Esq
Chief of Bureau of Engraving. Treasy Dept
Washington D. C

Decr 10th 3

Sir.

I beg to inform you that the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars in U. S. Notes is in my hands and subject to your order, being the proceeds of Minor Coin Redeemed and now reissued

I have the honor to be
Yours Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon F. E. Spinner
Treasurer U. S.
Washington
D. C.

Decr 11. 3

Dear Sir

From the purport of your letter of the 9th, I judge you did not receive the letter written to you Novr. 25, in which you were informed that your specimen of ore never came to hand; and that the press of our business prevents us from making any more assays of ores, at least without much delay. I also returned in that letter the $5 which you sent.

I can give you the names of several private Assayers in this city who do such work. Or if you can wait till the end of January next, we will make a special exception in your case, altho' we can scarcely spare the time.

Yours resp'y

J. A. Colloy
Supt

Mr. La Rue & Barton
Syracuse, N. Y.

Dec 11. 3

Sir,

Enclosed herewith I forward copy of a report submitted to me today, by our Assayer, of the assay of single pieces of gold and silver coins received for special assay at the three Mints, from July to November 1873, inclusive.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington D.C.

Dec 11 8

Sir,

Enclosed I forward through your Office, a letter to the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting C/D. of this date, No. 396, for $25,000.— on a/c of profits on Minor Drainage.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Hon H. R. Linderman.

Director of the Mint

Washington D.C.

Dec 11. 8

Sir

I have this day deposited with the Asst Treas. U.S. at Philadelphia, to the credit of the U.S. Treasurer, the sum of $345,000. on a/c of profits on Mine Coinages; and herewith enclose the C/D. No. 398.—

Very Respectfully

J. C. Pollock

Supt

Hon. Wm. A. Richardson

Secretary of the Treasury

Washington D.C.

Dec 12th 3

Gentlemen

Your letter of the 11th inst. has been received.

Your deposit of silver has been melted, assayed, calculated and coined into Half dollars and Quarter dollars, and the warrant for the payment of the same already issued. It is now too late to change this deposit into Trade Dollars, without erasures in our books, and confusion in our accounts, which would be inadmissible.

Very Respectfully
[signature]
Supt.

Messrs.
J J Nicholson & Son
Baltimore
Md.

Dec. 12th 3

Sir

I am unable to comply with your request of the 10th inst. to furnish you new gold and silver coins in exchange for a gold check.

The Mint is not a Bank or Brokers office, but a manufacturing institution, whose function is to execute coinage for deposits of bullion. We do not make such exchanges as you have requested.

Your gold check No 91. for $80. is herewith returned.

Very Respectfully

A. L. Pollock
Supt.

E. D. M. Wood Esq
Nat State Bank
Troy N.Y.

Dec. 12th 3

Sir

The letter of the 1st instant from the Secretary of the Treasury, acting for you during your absence, asking explanation of differences in the report of Officers, Clerks and Employees of Mint; of compensation of certain employees named in that letter, and the Books of the Director of the Mint; was received on my return from San Francisco on the 5th instant.

In reply I have to say,

First, That Annie Carroll was appointed Scrubber, at $1.25 per diem, about the 10th of October, 1873, with the approval of the Director of the Mint, and so reported to him.

Second. The following persons

are not now in the Mint, viz.
J. R. Taylor, Refiner, Melter and
Refiner's Department, at $3.50 per
diem, resigned July 1873, to take
effect July 30th 1873. Not here since.

William Williams, Melter,
(Foreman) M & R's Department,
at $3.75 per diem, died (about) August
8th 1873.

J. S. Castle, Cleaner, Coiner's
Department, at $3.00 per diem, resigned
to take effect November 1st 1873.
Not here since.

Third. That in consequence of
the death of Mr. Williams, and
the resignation of the others named
above, certain changes became
necessary, and promotions were
made as required by the exigencies
of the business here. Thus, on
the death of Mr. Williams, Melter,
(and Foreman of the Copper Melting Room)

J. J. Beckman was, on August 9th, 1873, promoted to his place, and his compensation increased to $3.75 per diem, the amount paid Mr Williams. Also, that H. Schauer, by reason of his skill and superiority, was promoted, May 30th 1873, to be a hand in the melting of deposits, and where the usual wages paid are $3.50 per diem on account of such skill &c. That T. B. Cave, June 30/73; A. McEwen, September 30/73; and D. T. Smith September 30/73, were raised from the grade of helpers in the base coinage Department to that of Melter in the Gold and Silver Melting Room, and the usual regular and approved compensation allowed to them, viz $3.25 per diem.

The compensation of Wm S. Gauss, Gas Fitter and Plumber, was increased from $2.75 to $3.50 by the

Director of the Mint in March 1873, and before the Coinage Act of 1873 went into operation.

J. W. Kelfrich, named as helper, is a machinist, employed in the Coining Room, and, by reason of his superior skill, his per diem was increased from $3.00 to $3.75 in May 1873, to correspond with the pay of machinists of equal grade, the usual and allowed compensation for such services.

A. Rowley was transferred by the Coiner, in November 1873, from the Cutting Benches to the Annealing Furnaces, to take the place of E. P. Thompson, whose ill health prevented him from working in front of the fires; Rowley taking Thompson's per diem of $3.00, and Thompson taking Rowley's, as Cutter, at $2.90; no increase in the

aggregate.

Albert Briggs, having proved himself to be a faithful and efficient laborer, was advanced, and his per diem increased to the amount usually paid our laborers, viz $2.15.

A number of the persons named above were appointed by the Director of the Mint before the Coinage Act of 1873 took effect, and the rate of compensation was fixed by him. Others were appointed under the new law with the approval of the present Director, and the rate of compensation fixed. The changes made, and the increased compensation may not have been reported, as the law is certainly not explicit on that subject; but to comply with the Construction of the Department, and the request of the Secretary of the Treasury, Acting

for you, in his letter of the 1st inst, I now report the following changes and increase of compensations, and respectfully ask your approval of the same of and from the time they were respectively made, viz.

"Melter & Refiner's Department"

J. J. Beckman, Melter, promoted August 9th 1873, on death of William Williams, to be Foreman, and compensation increased from $3.25 to $3.75 per diem.

H. Schauer, promoted May 30th 1873, to Deposit Melting Room; compensation increased from $2.90 to $3.50 per diem.

T. B. Cave, promoted June 30th 1873 to Melter in Gold and Silver Melting Room, compensation increased from $2.90 to $3.25 per diem.

A. McEwen, same as T. B. Cave.

D. H. Smith Do. Do.

Coiner's Department

J. W. Helfrich, may 30th 1873, compensation increased from $3.60 to $3.75 per diem.

A. Rowley, transferred Nov 1st 1873, to Annealing Furnace, and compensation increased from $2.00 to $3.00 per diem.

Albert Singer, compensation increased from $2.50 per diem to $2.75 from September 1st 1873.

Hereafter I will report any changes that may be made, and increase of compensation. The same parties are not always on the same roll, as the exigencies of the Mint and the varied character of our operations imperatively demand an interchange of employees, and frequent transference from one position to another.

Enclosed find letter of Melter & Refiner on increase of pay &c.

Very Respectfully Yours

J. A. Pollock

Supt.

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Dec 13th 3

S.

I herewith enclose Statements called for in your letter of the 11th inst, as follows:

Amount of Old Material sold during Quarter ending Sept 30th 1873

Profits arising from Manufacture and Sale of Medals, proofs and Specimen coin for Same period.

In compliance with your suggestion, Similar Statements will be rendered quarterly hereafter.

Very Respectfully

A. L. Colby

Superintendent

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C

Report of
Official Postage Stamps
for November 1873
(Mailed Dec 13. 1873)

Philadelphia
Dec 1. 3

Norwalk 3

13	13	920	9 20
49	98	2330	46 60
261	783	5454	163 62
115	690	2023	127 38
3	21	54	3 78
1	10	424	42 40
7	84	355	42 60
3	45	49	7 35
1	30	179	53 70
1	99	42	37 80
	$ 1864		$ 526 43

Jos. Patterson

Dec 13 3

Sir

Enclosed I forward Statement of the Coinage of this Mint for week ending December 13. 1873.

Also. Cashiers Statement of the amount and denomination of coins on hand at close of business this day: together with daily Statement of Coinage deliveries and transfers for December 13. 1873.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C

Dec 15 3

Sir

Your letter of the 11th inst has been received to day.

The Mint will furnish you silver coin on the terms of the enclosed circular; but not in exchange for paper money.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

J. N. Gudduth Esq. Cashr. Supt
Lincoln
Neb.

Dec 16 9

Sir

Your letter of the 10th inst in relation to the time of making the Annual Settlement in the Mints and Assay offices of the U. S. and asking my opinion and that of the Melter & Refiner and Coiner on the propriety of making such settlements at the close of each fiscal year &c, has been received.

Heretofore the annual settlements have been made in March and April and sometimes in May of each year. The suggestion you make of fixing the close of the fiscal year as the time is very proper and meets my entire approbation. There is no legal or other necessity for making a settlement before

before June 74. inasmuch as our last settlement was made in April 1873. and preparations for the Settlement that would close June 1874. must commence in or near April of that year. which brings the case clearly within the law. It, however, it should be deemed proper a settlement sufficiently accurate and detailed could be made in January or February next. to be followed by a more full settlement in June 1874. But I see no necessity for this. as we are able by our present system of determining losses. to reach so satisfactory a result as to relieve from any serious apprehension of excessive losses in either the Melter & Refiners or Coiners Departments.

I submitted your letter to the Melter & Refiners and the Coiners requesting their views on the subject

Mallet

matter thereof, and herewith enclose copies of their respective reports. You will find a general concurrence in the views herein expressed.

I also enclose copy of letter from Prof Coste on the necessity of a larger Silver Bullion Fund. In this I cordially concur and earnestly request the increase of this fund in our Mints.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt
Superintendent

Hon
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Dec 16th 3

Sir

Your letter of the 9th inst in relation to the price of Supplies, &c for the Mint, has been received.

My directions to all the operative Officers have been to purchase at the lowest Market rates all the material and articles required for the Mint, having a due regard to the quality and their adaptation to the purposes for which they are purchased. I believe our purchases have been fairly and properly made, and in no instance a price paid above the Market rate for an article of equal quality. Offers of inferior articles at lower rates may be made; but such purchases would be false economy. The panic has affected the prices of some articles, but Staple goods and first class material have not declined in price.

Since the receipt of your letter I have

have directed the Officers purchasing to address letters to the principal dealers inviting proposals for the articles that may be required; viz-Wood, coal and &c. &c.

The enclosed copy of a letter from Prof Booth shows the care employed in making purchases for the Mint in his Department; and the other Departments are, I believe, equally cautious.

Yours very respectfully

Jas. Pollock
Superintendent

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

Dec 16 3

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 13th inst. I would say. that the dates of the first issue of the following coins are.

Bronze one and two cent April 22. 1864.
Nickel three cent March 3. 1865.
Nickel five cent May 16. 1866.
Silver three cent March 3. 1851.

The silver three and five cent pieces. and the bronze two cent piece are no longer coined.

The coins for 1874 will be issued at once after the first of the year.

The last of the old copper cents were struck in 1857. the old flowing hair Liberty cent in 1807.

By the cent with "back of the head different" I suppose you

mean the cent of 1839. commonly called the "booby head."

No cents were coined in 1815.

The gold coins struck by the U.S. are the Double Eagle ($20) Eagle ($10) Half Eagle ($5.) Quarter Eagle ($2.50) One Dollar ($1.00). Three Dollar ($3.00)

The Silver coins are Dollar. Half Dollar. Quarter Dollar. and Dime.

I enclose Medal circular

Very Respectfully

Jas. Powell
Supt.

Mr. Nathan R. Tilton, Jr.
Pawtucket
R. I.

Dec 16 3

Sir

In consequence of the failing health of John S Maxwell. Conductor. (at $4. per diem) he has been made Door Keeper in exchange with Geo W Brown. late Door Keeper (at $2.50) who is now conductor. The pay of John S Maxwell to be $2.50 instead of $4.00. from November 1. 1873: and the pay of Geo W Brown. now conductor, increased from $2.50 to $3.00. per diem. from November 1. 1873. This exchange reduces the expense 50 cts per diem.

I also have increased the per diem of Joseph Hanna. Gate Keeper. from $2.50 to $3.00. from December 1. 1873 He is faithful and attentive, and deserves the proposed increase.

I ask your approval of

of the foregoing changes and
increase of compensation.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]
Superintendent

Hon.
A. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.
Washington
D.C

Decr 17 3

Sir

The thin brass plate sent by you (herewith returned) was perhaps a military ornament for harness; & altho' dated 1776, is no doubt of more recent manufacture.

No Book of Coins has been issued by the Mint. Such a book was made by the Assayers, 30 years ago, now out of print. There was also a partial catalogue of coins in the cabinet, which is not at our disposal, and is nearly out of date.

Yours ever fry

Jas Ross
Supdt.

Rev. Wm Earnshaw
Chaplain &c. &c.

Dec 17 3

Sir

On the 7th of July last the Secretary of the Treasury (R.L) called for a statement of the recoinage of light gold coin up to the 1st of July, showing the tale value, amount returned, loss on recoinage, and the amount due the Mint for coinage charges, for the purpose of getting a renewal of the appropriation of $150.000. to defray the expense of recoinage.

I have this morning received a letter from the Secretary (R.L) dated yesterday, requesting me to forward that Statement at my earliest convenience.

Supposing that the desired account had already been forwarded

I find upon inquiry that it had been made out by the Weigh Clerk and delivered by him, late in the evening of the day it was finished, to your Mr. Davis, who took it with him to your office. We have no copy of it, only the memoranda from which it was made up, and as the most expeditious mode of meeting the demand. I will thank you to return the Statement referred to, that I may have a copy made for the Secretary's use, after which I will return the original to the files of your office.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Superintendent

Hon
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Dec 17th 3

Sirs

Yours of the 12th inst. authorizing me to strike such number of Experimental pieces of the Trade Dollar of the present year as may be necessary to meet the usual demand, has been received.

I have directed fifty (50) pieces of each device (6 different devices) to be struck in Silver, and four as trial pieces in Copper.

The price of the Silver pieces to be $3. or $5 each piece, in currency, as you may direct.

Yours Truly

J. A. Bryon

Superintendent.

Dec 18 3

Sir

I have given the subject of increasing the number of our annealing furnaces a careful consideration and also consulted with the Coiner, whose opinions are contained in a copy of his letter to me herewith enclosed.

I am clearly of the opinion that the addition of at least two annealing furnaces would greatly increase the capacity of the Mint for coinage, enable us to coin gold and silver and the minor coins at one and the same time, without interference or delay. In view of the increasing production of silver, the decline in the price thereof, and the demand for small silver coin

this increase of our annealing furnaces, and consequent capacity of the Mint to coin all the silver that may be sent for deposits or purchase becomes a necessity, an essential fact in our institution.

The contingent fund of the Mint will not be sufficient to meet the expense of such furnaces; a special appropriation will be necessary. In my opinion the sum of $50,000 would be sufficient to erect the furnaces required. If greater improvements, more furnaces, and other changes are to be made, the sum required would necessarily be be larger.

The erection of such furnaces is not only the true policy of the Government in relation to the Mint, but would be true economy. Our increased capacity would be equal

to a new Mint, and save thousands of dollars to the Government.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, Decr. 18. 1873.

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Sir

I have no doubt
you consider it a part of your official duty,
to take cognizance of any thing which is
likely to impair the public confidence
in metallic currency.

I therefore ask your attention to the
following statement, and request.

A Patent was granted, at the U.S.
Patent Office, on the 16th September 1873,
(No. 142,760) to a citizen of Paris, France,
for a new alloy to resemble silver, "more
closely than any alloys heretofore produced,
in color, specific gravity, malleability,
ductility, ring, and general characteristics."
No doubt it was first patented in France.

All this, if true, would present a formidable competitor to genuine silver, and would add a facility to counterfeiting our national coins.

The specifications show that it is composed of six metals, and contains no silver. The original and very remarkable feature is, that "the superiority of this alloy over other silver-like alloys, depends mainly upon the influence of cobalt. If this be omitted, the alloy will cease to have a silver-like appearance." And yet the cobalt only forms 1½ parts in 1000. and in itself is not a white metal. It is also the only metal of high price; the others are cheap.

The method of preparing this alloy is quite complicated, and shows an acquaintance with metallurgy, on the part of the inventor.

It seems desirable that we should make an examination here, of its qualities.

We could make the composition, but would rather have a sample from the original manufacture. Very likely they have an ingot of it at the Patent Office.

I therefore suggest that you make application to the Patent Office, for a piece of this alloy, say from two to six ounces as they can spare it, or else for information where it can most readily be obtained.

Very respectfully
your obt servt

Jas Pollock

Supt

Dec 18th 3

Hon H. R. Linderman Director U.S. Mint.
Washington D.C.

Can coin per month half dollars one hundred & fifty thousand dollars: quarters do one hundred thousand. and dimes fifty thousand dollars. with ordinary gold & minor coinage.

Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Dec 18th 3

A. L. Snowden Esq
Coiner U.S Mint

Sir

Among the number of Experimental Trade Dollar Dies delivered to you to day there are two pairs of Obverse dies from the same design with but a slight variation. It would be a useless waste of time, being without any practical advantage to duplicate these pieces.

You are therefore directed, in Striking pieces for Sale to use but one die of each design.

Respectfully Yours

J. Pollock

Superintendent

Dec 19 3

Sir

Make out and send me your bill in duplicate, according to the enclosed form. receipted and I will remit the amount.

Very Respectfully
J. K. Bell
Supt

Publisher
State Journal.
Harrisburg
Pa

Dec 19 9

Sir

Enclosed I herewith forward Statement of Deposits and Purchases of Gold and Silver Bullion at this Mint during the month of November 1879. Also Statement of Bars manufactured during the same month.

Very Respectfully
A. L. Loring
Superintendent

Hon
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington
D.C

Dec 19 3

Sir

Mr DuBois, our Assayer, has called my attention to an omission in the Annual Report.

On page 7. there is a Table of the various Earnings of the Mints. and while the New York office is credited with $276.50. for assays of ores. no mention is made of what this Mint paid in on same account.

Our Assayer holds a receipt from the U.S. Asst Treasurer here. for $151.50 paid to him. amount received for assays of ores and jewellers gold &c. during the year 1872.

The amount is not large but those who paid it will be surprised that no return is made of it.

Very Respectfully

Hon. H. R. Linderman. Jas. P. Kimball Supt.

Director of the Mint &c.

Decr 19 3

Mr. Daniel Cyphers

Sir

The large box of minerals sent by you, contains nothing but lumps of bog iron ore, of some little variety; very common, and of no value, unless it occurs in very extensive beds.

Yours truly

J. A. Pollock

Secy Pdt.

Dec. 13th 3

Sir

In compliance with regulations I herewith enclose letter to the Secretary of the Treasury, together with Certificate of Deposit No 430 for $163.9/100 on account of old material sold.

Please forward the letter and Certificate to their proper destination.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Couch
Superintendent

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Dec. 18th

Sir

Enclosed I forward Certificate of this date, No. 430, of the deposit by myself, with the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at Philadel=phia, of the sum of One Hundred and Sixty Three 10/100 dolls; on account of

340 Carboys cent cleaning liquor, @ 25¢		85.00
sold to C. J. Crease.		
Hook & Co. 24 old Crucibles, @	$1.00	24.00
do do 10 " "	1.15	11.50
do do 18 " "	1.00	18.00
Mrs Boulter, broken fire brick, lot		3.50
Mr of Wilmington		
13 old Crucibles, @ $1.00; and 2 at $1.25		15.50
Richd. Stewart lot of refuse coal & slate		5.60
		$163.10

Very Respectfully Yours

[illegible]

Superintendent

Wm W. A. Richardson
Secty of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

Dec 20 3

Hon. A. R. Linderman
Director &c &c
Sir

The mineral forwarded by you on the 5th inst. (stated to be from a gentleman residing in Missouri) has been assayed and contains a mere trace of silver. It is an ordinary sulphuret of iron.

The box also contained some pieces of bog iron.

Very respectfully
your obt servt

J. W. Taylor
Supt

Dec 20 9

Sir

Enclosed I forward Statement of the Coinage of this Mint for the week ending December 20. 1873.

Also, Cashiers Statement of the amount and denomination of coins on hand at close of business this day.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington
D.C.

Dec 20 8

Sir-

Respectfully referring to your letter of the 19th inst and calling special attention to the corresponding letter of the Secretary of the Treasury of December 11th I have to acknowledge the receipt to day by Express of $20,005.75 U. S. and foreign gold coin for recoinage, as specified in your letter and accompanying schedule. These pieces will be recoined and deposited with the Asst Treasurer U. S. at New York, as directed by the Secretary.

Allow me to suggest that this money is merely a "deposit" for coinage; and not, so far as the Mint is concerned, a "transfer of funds" in the Treasury meaning

of

of that Com; and if, as stated in your letter, it be charged against the Mint in your accounts as a transfer of funds, it will be impossible to make our accounts correspond, unless these deposits for recoinage are to be treated as an addition to our Bullion fund, which the Secretary's letter does not authorize.

Very Respectfully
J. R. Snowden
Superintendent

Hon.
L. R. Tuttle
Asst Treasurer U. S.
Washington
D.C.

Dec 22nd 3

Sir

In compliance with your request of the 13th inst', received to day, I herewith enclose a copy of the authorized Schedule of charges at the Philadelphia Mint, and New York Assay Office, for operating on Gold and Silver Bullion, under the Coinage Act of 1873

Very respectfully

[illegible]

Superintendent

O. H. La Grange Esq
Supt' U. S. Mint
San Francisco
Cal

Dec 23rd 3

Sir

Your letter of the 22nd inst in relation to room for Platform Scales for coal and heavy articles, has been received.

After examination and search for a place I cannot find room enough for such scales on the grounds of this institution. The great want at present in the Mint is room inside and out. We ought to have the adjoining Church property at least, and I hope it will some day soon be purchased by the Government for the use of the Mint.

There is no place for scales, unless it would be on Juniper Strut, west side, and the consent of Councils would have to be obtained before any could be placed there. This Strut is so narrow and crowded with drays, carts, waggons &c that such consent could not be obtained.

We have the ordinary platform Scale on which we weigh all the heavy articles purchased for the Mint, except coal, and in this case the orders are to weigh loads of coal indiscriminately, as brought to the Mint. This applies both to the Melter and Refiner and Coiner, and being thus weighed and tested it is a satisfaction to know that thus far the weight of the coal has corresponded with the trial weight almost exactly. These Trials Secure the Mint against false weights, and the character of the parties who Supply the Coal is also a guarantee of fairness in these transactions.

With more room we could erect the larger Platform Scales - Situated as we are it cannot, without great inconvenience, be done.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Superintendent

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

Dec. 23d 3

Sir.

In reply to your letter of the 18th inst, enclosing a statement of your Ledger Balances of the Minor Coinage Redemption Fund etc, I beg to enclose you herewith abstracts from the books of this Office showing the exact condition of both the "Redemption" and the "Reissue a/c", which cover the period named in your letter, and also give the balances on hand from month to month. On a comparison of these with your balances you will observe that there is a variation, but why this should be the case, I am not able to determine. Perhaps these statements will be sufficiently clear to enable you to adjust your accounts correctly, or to clear up any difficulty that may have arisen through any misinterpretation of the

the monthly statements which have been
forwarded from this Office.

Very Respectfully Yours

Jos. Pollock
Supt.

Hon F. E. Spinner
Treasurer of the U. S.
Washington
D. C.

Dec. 23d 3

Sir

Enclosed I forward my requisi-
-tion of this date for the sum of —
$38.158,34/100, for the month of January
1874, out of the current appropria-
-tions for the support of this Mint,
and have to request that a
Draft for the amount be for-
-warded to me by the first of
the month.

Very Respectfully
J. W. Pollock
Superintendent

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D. C.

Dec 24th 73

Sir

Your letter of the 23rd inst has been received.

We have no printed copies of the Schedule of changes under the Coinage Act of 1873. Had your sanction for printing a limited number of copies on sheets, in large type, for the use of the Officers and Clerks, but as changes continued to be made in the list of changes, the printing was postponed until we could know what would probably be permanent.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Bolles

Superintendent

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C

Decr 24 3

Mr La Rue Barton
Syracuse, N.Y.

Sir

We have received the mineral specimen which you sent by Express. It is nothing but a fair iron ore, with some lustrous veins running through it, such as we see in specular iron. It contains no silver.

Respy yours

[signature]
Supt

Sir

I herewith enclose the Official Bond &c. of Geo H. Davis Jr, Clerk to the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Carson City, Nevada, for your approval.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]
Superintendent

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C

Dec 26th 3

Sir

I have this day deposited with the Asst. Treas, U. S. at Philadelphia, to the credit of the Treasurer U. S., Twelve Hundred and fifty Dollars on account of profits of the Medal Fund, and herewith enclose the C/D. together with a letter to the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting the same. Certificate No 447

Very Respectfully

[signature]

Superintendent

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C

Dec 6 3

Sir

I have this day deposited with the Asst Treas' U. S. at Philadelphia, to the credit of the Treasurer U. S, Twelve Hundred and fifty Dollars on account of profits of the Medal Fund; and herewith enclose the Certificate of deposit, No 447.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollard
Superintendent

Hon W. A. Richardson
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington
D. C

Dec 27. 73.

Sir,

Enclosed I forward Statement of Coinage Executed at this Mint during the week Ending Dec. 27. 1873.

Also Statement of the Amount and denomination of Coin on hand at the close of business this day.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington D.C.

Dec 27 3

Messrs Lindemann & Stone
Gentlemen

The two mineral specimens sent by you, stated to be from Clear Creek Co., Colorado, have been examined for gold & silver, and are found to contain only so small traces of silver, & therefore of so value.

The Mint Charge, $10, has been received.

Respectfully yours

J. A. Pond
Supt

Dec. 29th 3

Gentlemen

Enclosed please find a statement of the Mint Assay of a lot of Sweeps for which your bid is requested. Payment to be made for the same in Double Eagles on delivery at the Mint

An early reply is desirable

Very Respectfully

J. R. Pollock
Supt.

Miss. E. Balback & Son
233 River St.
Newark N.J.

Dec. 29th 3

Gentlemen

Enclosed I hand you Mint Assay of a lot of Sweeps for which your bid is requested. Payment to be made in Double Eagles on delivery at the Mint. Please make early reply.

Very Respectfully Yours

[illegible]
Supt.

Miss. R. Longman's Son's
31 John St.
New York

Dec. 29th 3

Gentlemen.

Enclosed please find Statement of the Mint Assay of a lot of Bricks for which your bid (in Double Eagles) is respectfully requested.

An early reply is desirable.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Ryon

Supt.

Messrs. C. S. Dennis & Son
38 & 40 Walnut St.
Newark
N. J.

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11 to 20		4318	096	041	137	591 56
21 to 30		4356	145	016	161	701 32
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61 to 70		4104	031	041	072	295 48
		30.066				4.958 10
41 to 50		5.036	145	016	161	810 79
51 to 61		5382	186	028	214	1.151 75
	Lbs	40.484				$6.920 64

Dec. 29th 3

Sir

The three bags of silver five cent and three cent pieces mentioned in your letter of the 26th inst, have been received by the Adams Express Agent located in the Mint building, and are held by him for further orders.

Copper and nickel coins are redeemable in currency according to the Circulars herewith mailed to you; but there is no law authorizing the redemption of silver coins. The Express Agent, if you so instruct him, can deposit them for specie in large pieces and sell them to the Brokers for currency, and remit the proceeds by Draft; or sell them in their present condition;

or return them to you as you may prefer.

Very Respectfully

J. W. Powell

Superintendent

Cashier

Tompkins Co. Nat. Bk.

Ithaca, N. York

Dec. 29th 3

Sir

The enclosed bills $20.00, for the "State Journal", are returned for completion. As signed they will not pass the Auditor's Office at Washington. They must be receipted by the Proprietor or Publisher; or, if receipted by any person for them, that person must file with the bills his Power of Attorney, authorizing him to act for his principals.

Another thing; the bill will be paid by my warrant on the Cashier of the Mint, which warrant must be receipted by some one for the principals, and as the latter cannot be here to

as it in person, my Chief Clerk, H. C. Hickok, can be authorized on the back of the bills to receive the money. I will then deposit it in Bank, and mail you my check for the amount.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Powell

Superintendent

Mr. Jno. R. Piper
for "State Journal"
Harrisburg Pa

Decem 29 3

Sir:

Your letter of the 26th inst. in reference to the table of charges in force at the New York Assay Office, has been received. The paragraph refered to does not conform to the Regulations of July 1st 1873, nor have we given the same interpretation to it.

Since the amended Regulation of July 1st 1873, we have charged silvery gold (up to 990 fine) for parting, and allowed the depositor the silver parted, without any limit.

But in the case of Silver, containing a little gold, we do not part, nor charge therefor, unless it will yield one dollar after expenses. This was the rule laid down.

I was not aware that the Code of Charges had been printed. It would be desirable to have a few copies here.

Very Respectfully

E. [illegible]
Dr.

Decem 29th 3

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 24th inst received. I have no facts or suggestions to communicate on the subject of the "Mint" other than those that may be found in the Reports & documents I have this day sent you by mail viz:

Annual Report of the Director for 1872,
Annual Report of the Director for 1873,
U.S. Mint Annual Assay,
Report of Examination of the Branch Mints,
Pamphlet descriptive of the Mint &c
Gold & Silver Circular &c

Mr Julian Hill, 207 Colinton St Brooklyn, N.Y. is now here making drawings of the Machinery &c of the Mint for the "Graphic" & "Harpers Weekly". A few years ago (December 1861) "Harpers Magazine" published a full description of the Mint with drawings of the Machinery, Rooms &c. If you have access to the back numbers of the Magazine you will find

the description, and drawings, to which I have referred.

Yours Very truly

Jas. Powell
Supt.

T. M. Cooley Esq
Ann Arbor
Michigan

Telegram

Thos. A. Ogden Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York

Will ship you Seventy (70.000) Thousand dollars in Half Dollars to-morrow.

James Pollock
Supt Mint. U. S.

Dec 30th 3

Sir

Referring to your letter of the 19th inst, I have to state that your package of abraded gold coin of the nominal value of $457.- produced upon recoinage, the sum of $452.47, as per the enclosed Mint Memorandum; which latter sum has been deposited in your name with the Asst Treas, U. S. at Philad.a to the credit of the Treasurer U. S. for Duties on Imports.

Triplicate Certificates of Deposit are herewith enclosed.

I have to request that you will send me, as my voucher, a special acknowledgement of the receipt of this letter and its enclosed

C./D.

Very Respectfully

J. V. Pollock

Superintendent

Geo C. Stevens Esq
Collector of Customs
Milwaukee
Wis.

Dec. 20th 3

Sir

I have this day forwarded to you by the Adams Express, as per the enclosed duplicate receipt, the sum of $29,636,60 in gold coin, the proceeds of the re-coinage of $30.105 Tr, light gold coins from the Treasurer U.S. Washington D.C. December 19th 1873; and now forwarded to your office, by direction of the Secretary of the Treasury under date of the 16th of December inst. I will thank you to advise me of the receipt of this remittance

Very Respectfully

J. A. Boyd

Superintendent

Thos. Hillhouse Esq
Assistant Treasurer U.S.
New York

Dec 30th 3

Sir

Referring to your letter of the 19th of December inst I have to report that the $30,000.75 light gold coins, forwarded to the Mint from your office by Express on that day, produced upon recoinage, the sum of $29,636,60 as per the enclosed Mint Memorandum; and I have to day forwarded the same by Express to the Asst Treas, U.S. at New York, in accordance with the general directions of the Secretary of the Treasury under date of December 16th 1873

Very respectfully

A. Loudy
Superintendent

Hon L. R. Sutton
Asst Treas. U.S.
Washington
D.C.

Dec. 30th 3

Sir

Your letter of 29th inst, requesting that all the letters received and sent by the Director from the organization of the Mint to June 30th 1834, be neatly copied in a book furnished by you; and authorizing the employment of a Clerk at $6.00 per diem to do the work, &c; has been received.

It will give me pleasure to comply with your request; and I hereby nominate James C. Pollock as temporary clerk, as above authorized; the appointment to take effect January 1st 1874; at $6.00 per diem.

Very Respectfully

A. L. Pollock
Superintendent

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint &c.

Dec. 31st 3

Sir

Referring to your letter of August 8th 1873, I have to say that the three sets of Metric Weights from 10 grains to one milligramme therein mentioned, were duly received by Express; and that in pursuance of your request I have had their correctness tested by a careful comparison with the Standard Troy Pound of the Mint, as required by Section 44 of the Coinage Act. This comparison was made under my direction by the Assayer and the Melter and Refiner (the Coiner having been suddenly called away by telegram to New York); and I herewith enclose their report,

which sustains the accuracy of the weights, and their correspondence with almost perfect exactness to the Standard Troy Pound. The Examiner, since his returns, has examined the report now forwarded, and fully concurs in the same.

I send to you, as directed, by Express this day, two sets of the Metric Weights, retaining one set for the use of this Mint.

Very Respectfully

J. Ross Snowden

Superintendent

Hon. H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington D. C.

Dec. 31st 3

Sir

Enclosed I forward Statement of Minor Coins Redeemed; and Statement of Minor Coins Exchanged at this Mint during the month of December 1873.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Superintendent

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Dec. 31st 3

Sir

When in San Francisco in November last, whilst on a visit to Police Head Quarters, I obtained from the Chief of Detectives two counter=feit half=dollars, which I deemed of sufficient importance to have assayed.

Our Assayer has given me a report of the assay, a copy of which I herewith forward to you. The pieces bore the date of 1870; were well executed, and calculated to deceive.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Powell

Superintendent

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Dec 31 3

Sir

At the close of business this day I made the usual monthly count and examination of the monies in the hands of the Cashier of the Mint with the following result viz.

Gold	$1.257.404.71
Silver	78.589.03
Ordinary Account Regular	14.517.20
Ordinary " Minor bringe	721.86
Minor bringe	28.499.82
Minor brins Exchanged	829.55
" " Re-issued	2.760.00
" bringe Redemption.	117.944.64
Total	$1.501.066.81

which corresponds with his books.

I also made examination into the general condition and operations of

of the Mint and the Institution was found to be in good working order, and its business conducted in a careful and satisfactory manner.

Very Respectfully
A. L. Colton
Superintendent

Hon.
H. P. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 2 4

Sir

Enclosed I forward certificate of deposit No 244. from W G White. Esq. Acting Asst Treasurer. U. S. at New York. for $29.636 60/100 coin deposited by me December 31. 1873. to the credit of the Treasurer U. S being the proceeds of the recoinage of $30.000 75/100 light gold coin. forwarded to the Mint December 19. 1873. by the Treasurer U. S. and deposited with the Assistent Treasurer. U. S. at New York. in pursuance of instructions from the Secretary of the Treasury dated December 16. 1873.

Very Respectfully
J. A. Bowers
Superintendent

Hon
Wm A Richardson.
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington. DC

Jany 2 4

Sir

Enclosed I send you one $\frac{57}{100}$ dollars in silver coin. proceeds of grains from Carson City Mint found in possession of H. B. Blocum. and sent here by you with request to ascertain value. and forward proceeds to you.

I also enclose memorandum of assay and value by our Assayer.

Very Respectfully

E. [illegible]

Superintendent.

Hon.
Ch. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 2 4

Sir

Enclosed I forward Statement of Coinage executed at this Mint during the month of December 1873.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.
Washington
D.C.

Jany 2 4

Sir

Enclosed I forward tabular results of the working of Gold and Silver in the Melter and Refiners Department from the last settlement in April 1873 to the end of September 1873. together with a copy of a communication from the Melter and Refiner in explanation.

Very Respectfully
J. A. Pollock
Superintendent

Hon
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 2 4

Sir

The Mint does not redeem mutilated notes or currency. Besides the ten dollar note enclosed in your letter to me dated Dec 30. 1873. is pronounced to be a counterfeit by the Cashier of the U. S. Subtreasury here.

How shall I return it to you? You did not enclose stamps for return postage or registry fee.

Very Respectfully
H C Hiskok
Acting Supt

E. W. Jester. Esq. P.M
St Georges
New Castle Co
Del

Jany 3 4

Sir

Your letter of the the 24th of Dec 1873. has been received to day.

In reply to your inquiry. I will give you the charges here. in the case you propose. from which you will readily arrive at the result you desire.

A bar of silver. 1000 ozs. 650 fine, would pay a preliminary melting charge of 1/10 cent per ounce; or one dollar. If brittle, it would be further charged for toughening. one cent per ounce.

If it contains gold (suppose a small proportion. not less than one thousenth) then there would be no toughening. but a parting charge of two and a half cents (2½) per ounce. If no gold is contained, and the return is wanted in

coin

a portion must be refined up to fine silver, sufficient, on mixture, to raise the whole to standard. In the case supposed, 794 ozs. must be refined, charge 1¼ ct. per oz. on that much.

If whole dollars are wanted, a further charge of 50 cents per hundred pieces. If fine bars are wanted, the refining charge is upon the whole; 1½ cts per oz.

When the returns are required in smaller coins than the dollar, we take your bullion at 118 cents per standard oz. and pay for it in halves, quarters, and dimes.

These charges are complicated, but necessary to meet the variety of cases.

The losses in melting form a distinct subject and are quite variable. Where there is lead, antimony, arsenic, sulphur, mixed in, the loss may amount to 1¼ per cent.

H. Clay Miller, Esq. Very Resptly. [signature]
San Francisco, Cal.

January 2nd 4.

Hon. H. D. Linderman
Director of the Mint.

Sir;

We certify that the obverse working dies at the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia for the calender year 1873, were this day defaced and destroyed by the Coiner, in the presence of the Superintendent and the Assayer; as required by the 51st. Section of the Coinage Act of 1873.

Coiner.

Superintendent

Assayer.

January 3d 4

Sir

The discrepancy of $1.25 referred to in your (S.G.) of yesterday is accounted for in the fact that a transfer of Mina Coins from New York to your credit on Nov. 1th 1873, and calling for $3000 — really counted $2998.77 — difference $1.23

Transfer Orders No. 1261, January 1873 for $26.837.28 and No. 1313 for $10.000 — Febry '73 — stand charged for like sums transferred.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Powell
Supt.

Hon. F. E. Spinner
Treasurer U. S.
Washington
D. C.

Jany 3 4

Sir

Enclosed I forward a certificate signed by the proper officers. that the obverse working dies at this Mint for the calender year 1873. have been defaced and destroyed by the boiner in presence of the Superintendent and the Assayer as required by the 5th Section of the Coinage Act of 1873.

Very Respectfully
J. A. Pollock
Superintendent

Hon.
H. R Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 8 74

Sir

Enclosed I forward Weekly Statement of the Coinage at this Mint for the week ending January 2. 1874.

Also Cashiers Statement of the amount and denomination of coin on hand at the close of business this day.

Very Respectfully
[signature]
Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 5 4

Sir

Your letter of the 30th ult. with enclosure, has been received.

The shining particles, of the specimen sent, are partly mica, and partly sulphuret of iron, but contain no gold.

Yours Respty

[illegible]

Supt.

Mr. Chas. A. Fruly,
Holton
Kan.

Jany 5th 4

Sir.

Enclosed I transmit my a/c. of Ordinary Expenses for December 1873, with the Vouchers.

Yours Very Resp'y

J. A. Pollock
Superint'd

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Treasury Dept.
Washington
D.C.

Jany 5 4 481

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward Statement of deposits of Gold and Silver of domestic production for the months of October and November. 1875.

The Statement for December will be forwarded as soon as the details are reported.

Very Respectfully
J. W. Prescott
Superintendent

Hon.
C. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 5 3

Sir

Referring to your letter of the 18th of October 1873. and my letter of October 24th in part answer. I forward you to day by the Adams Express Company. whose duplicate receipt I enclose. the sum of $867.73 in coin. in full of the balance of your deposit. as follows.

One cent pieces	$50.00
Quarter Dollars	125.00
Quarter Eagle	2.50
Gold Dollars	690.00
Change	20
Total	$867.73

I sold $45.50 gold for $50. in currency. to pay for the one cent pieces. which left a profit to you of $4.50 gold. making the total amount of

two remittances $2317.73

I will thank you to advise me of the receipt of todays remittance.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Lowell
Supt

Jacob F. L. Schirman
Assayer U. S. Mint
Denver
Col.

Jany 5 4

Sir

I have applications for copies in Bronze of the medal awarded by Congress to Geo M Robinson for saving the life of Secretary Seward in April 1865.

There will be quite a demand for these bronze copies, and believing that it would be good policy to furnish them to the public at such a price as will be profitable to the medal fund, I, with your approval, propose to strike a sufficient number from time to time to fill orders that may be received. To be sold at $2.50

Let me hear from you in reply, at your early convenience.

Very Respectfully

[signature]

Superintendent

Hon. H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.

Jany 5 4

Sir

In reply to your letter of December 26th 1873. I herewith enclose a letter from the Mint Agent of the Adams Express Company to the Express Agent at Swan City. Neb. directing him to refund to you the sum of $2.00 erroneously paid by you on a $20. bag of minor coin. last summer.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Prosser
Supt.

Mr.
A. S. Denison
Swan City
Neb.

Jany 6. 4

Sir,

In compliance with your request of the 3rd inst I herewith return the mutilated $10. note which you forwarded on the 30th of December for redemption.

Very Respectfully
H. C. Hickok
Acting Supt

E. W. Jacks P.M.
Saint George
New Castle, Del.

Jany 6 4

Sir

In compliance with your request in letter of the 27th ult. I herewith forward an Essay medal, in silver, of 1872. for the Secretary of the Navy.

The price in currency is 75 cents. which you can remit to me

Very Respectfully
Your Obt
Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 6 4

Sir

To fully answer your inquiries of the 5th inst. would require a more elaborate description and history of Minting operations, than I could undertake to furnish under the existing pressure of official business. I herewith mail you however a number of Mint documents; and for a statement of the kind, amount, and cost of machinery and apparatus to put up a new Mint. I respectfully refer you to Mess. Morgan and Orr, machinists, 1219 Callowhill St. Philadelphia, who have had large experience in that line of business, and can fully post you on the subject.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Supt.

Mr. Chas. Dimon
95 Liberty St. New York.

Jany 6 64

Sir

In compliance with your telegram of yesterday, I enclose a note from Prof Booth on the subject of our grain weights and what we should have to complete our system of weights.

The letter of the Professor so fully states our wants, that I have only to recommend his views to your favorable consideration. By all means let us have the set from 1 grain to the 1/100 of a grain for present use, and the Annual Assay in February next.

Very Respectfully

Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Jany 6 4

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 5th inst, I have to state that Wm M. Runkel never was superintendent of deposit melting. that duty being devolved by the Regulations upon the Melter and Refiner.

Mr Runkels designation on the pay rolls has been, and is. "superintendent of deposits," which is correct. his duties being to superintend the weighing of deposits, and assist as weigher.

On examining the pay rolls for December 1873. and previous months. I find Mr. Runkel correctly designated as "Superintendent of Deposits".

Very Respectfully

[signature]

Superintendent

Hon. H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint

Jany 4th 4

Sir.

I submitted your letter of the 3d inst (on the subject of making dies by the dust process) to Mr Barber with instructions to comply with your wishes if practicable.

In reply, I have received from him a letter (copy of which is herewith enclosed) proposing the only feasible and economical plan for carrying out your suggestions.

This plan will avoid the expenditure for new machinery, and at the same time enable us to test efficiently the process of making dies by the Vacuum process, and the danger to which our coin may be exposed by counterfeiting, by means of dies so manufactured.

If you approve the suggestions of the Engraver, please inform me, and give such other directions as may seem proper.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]
Supt.

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Jany 6th 4

Sir:

I have to report the following resignations.

General Department

William H. Wakefield, Fireman, resigned to take effect Dec 31st 1873

Coiner's Department

R. Gillespie, Cutter, resigned to take effect Dec 31st 1873

I have also to submit for your approval the following promotion, in the general department.

Wm. S. Stander, promoted from Laborer at $2.75 per diem, to Fireman, vice W. H. Wakefield resigned, at $2.90 per diem to date from Jany 1st 1874

Very Respectfully

Supt.

Hon H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington D.C.

Jany 6th 4

Sir.

The inquiry made in your (S. G.) letter of yesterday is answered as follows, viz—

Balance of Bullion Fund Oct. 1st 1872		$ 1.132.079.77
Transferred to Do.	" 31st 1872	349.39
Balance Dec. 31st 1872		$ 1.132.429.16
Tale Value of Silver Dollars, June 10th 1873		1.664.—
Do. Do.	" 27th 1873	16.250.—
Increase in value of Bullion from $1.16 4/11 to $1.20. Rate changed April 1st 1873		10.824.41
Balance July 1st 1873		$ 1.161.167.57
Recoinage of $6.900.—	" 15th "	6.553.44
Do. " $36.000 — Aug 25th "		35.567.81
Do " $409.30 — Sept. 16th "		347.29
Balance Oct. 1st 1873		$ 1.203.636.11
Recoinage of $8059.48 Oct. 7th 1873		8.283.71
Balance Dec. 31st "		$ 1.211.919.82

(over)

Recapitulation.

Sale value of Transfer from Washington	$ 1.661.-	
Re Coinage thereof	1.716.23	
Gain transferred to U.S. per O.D. No. 9735.		$ 55.23
Sale value of Transfer from New Orleans	$ 16.250.-	
Re Coinage thereof	16.941.41	
Gain transferred to U.S. per O.D. No. 9784		$ 691.41
Sale value of Transfer from Chicago.	$ 6.900.-	
Re Coinage thereof	6.553.44	
Loss.		$ 346.56
Sale value of Transfer from Boston	$ 36.000.-	
Re Coinage thereof	35.567.81	
Loss		$ 432.19
Sale value of "Santa Fe" Coin	$ 12.344.48	
Re Coinage	12.539.10	
Gain		$ 194.62

By the instructions contained in your letter under date of Sept. 15th 1873. the net result of the Gold contained in this "Santa Fe" Coin, viz- $ 42.55.32, was transferred to the U.S. Asst. Treasurer at New York, and the net gain ($ 194.62) was placed to your credit.

credit in the Bullion Fund as per instructions in aforesaid letter. So that your item of $12.344.48 charged against the Mint should be but $8283.71.

In this connection, as a matter of information, it might be well to state, that while the gross gain on the Silver contained in this "Santa Fe" Coin was $224.23, the same was reduced to the sum of $194.62 to cover the loss from the recoinage of the Gold, the last named sum being placed to your credit in the a/cs for the purpose of transfer, but the entire gain remaining intact, and for your credit.

Yours Very Respectfully

J. A. Pouch

Superintendent

Hon. F. E. Spinner
Treasurer of the U. S.
Washington
D. C.

Jany 7 4

Gentlemen

In reply to yours of 30th ult., I have to say again, that your two mineral specimens contained only a trace of silver.

As I mentioned to you, we do not try for any thing but gold and silver; but to oblige you, we have just examined for quicksilver, by retort, and find none.

The reddish tint, which you supposed to be cinnabar, was simply an oxide of iron.

The search for mercury, which took several hours' additional labor, makes an additional charge of five dollars.

Respectfully yours

Jas. Potter Jr
Supt.

Messrs Lindemann & Stone
No. 378 Main Street
Cincinnati O

Jany 7 4

Sir

Yours of the 6th inst. in relation to the silver ores sent for assay by A. G. Mills of the Supervising Architects office, has been received, and referred to our Assayer Mr. DuBois, who no doubt will give the matter his attention as soon as his pressing official duties will permit

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C

Jany 7 4

Sir

Your letter of the 6th inst. has been received.

We will send you by the 10th inst. twenty five thousand dollars in dimes.— twenty thousand dollars in half dollars. and some quarter dollars. if possible.

Very Respectfully

A. Pollock

Superintendent

Thos. C. Acton. Esq
Supt. U. S. Assay Office.
New York.

Jany 7 4

Gentlemen.

Your letter of the 6th inst has been received.

I shall probably have no occasion to issue proposals for nickel for six months to come. but when I do so. will bear you in mind.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt.

Messrs.
C. Robbins & Co.
104 John Street
New York.

Jany 7 74

Sir

Your letter of the 5th inst has been received.

There is no such coin check as you call for in existence, that I am aware of. But I herewith mail you a pamphlet copy of the Mint Laws prior to the Coinage Act of 1873, the last Mint Report, and a recent circular from the Treasury Department, which comprise about as much of the information desired as I can conveniently furnish you.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Chas. Drowne. Director,
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.
Troy
N.Y.

Jany 8 74

Hon A R Linderman
Director &c. &c.

Sir

In compliance with your direction of October 6th, last, I now forward a complete Catalogue of the contents of the Mint Cabinet.

As it is too bulky to go by mail, it will be sent by Adams Express.

This list has been prepared by W. McClure, under the supervision of the Assayer; and it brings the whole down to the close of 1873.

It is proper I should state, in regard to the minerals, shells &c., which cannot well be specified singly, that a very large part of them, 2061 specimens, were obtained by a former Director (A. K. Browden) in one lot, out of the ordinary fund, and not upon

the special appropriation. This was in 1860. The whole cost of this portion, including the paper trays, and the services of a labeller, was $1232.66. Part of these are exhibited in the Cabinet cases; the rest, for want of room in the Cabinet, are contained in mahogany cases, in the corridor, and Assayer's Office. They are useful for comparison, as well as a fine addition to the Collection.

The whole number of coins and medals, up to Decr. 31, 1873, is 6484; the whole cost of these, and of the minerals, gems, ores, nuggets, shells &c. is $12,443.—

They would probably bring nearly double that amount, at a public sale.

I send also a copy of Regulations which I issued on the 5th November, of which I ask your official approbation.

Very Respectfully,

[signature]

Supdt.

Jany 8 4

Sir

In reply to your inquiry of the 7th inst, I have to state that.

Joseph Butler. Cabinet
J Lower , Roller
Mrs. O. Laurence. Adjuster
Miss. Amanda Pell. do

are all absent, on leave, without pay, on account of illness.

Very Respectfully
J. A. Pollock
Superintendent

Hon.
H. R Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C

Jany 5 4

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 6th inst. I have to state that we furnish the usual proof Trade Dollar at $1.50 in silver, or $1.75 in currency. We also furnish the styles of Trade Dollar pattern pieces at $2.50 each in currency.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Superintendent

Wm. V. Smith Esq
Cleveland
Ohio

Jany 8th 4

Sir

You will please have prepared, at your early convenience, a Reverse die for the "Henry Lee" Medal; presented to Major Lee by resolution of Congress of September 24th 1779.

The Reverse to have for device a simple wreath, and the following Legend viz:

Non Obstantib. Fluminibus, Vallis, Astutia Et Virtute Bellica, Pauca Manu Hostes Vicit Victosq. Amis Humanitate Devinxit. In Mem. Pugn. Ad Paulus Hook. Die XIX Aug., MDCCLXXIX. = Size 36.

Your Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Superintendent

Wm Barber Esq
Engraver U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Jany 8 74

Sir

Under instructions contained in the letter of the Secretary of the Treasury dated the 6th inst. I began delivering the gold coin received from St Louis. to the Coiner for the purpose of ascertaining by weighing those coins not abraded below the legal tolerance.

I am at some loss to know from the wording of the Secretarys letter whether it is desired to remelt all the pieces that fall below the tolerance allowed by law in the issue of our gold coin, or whether to this is to be added the one half per cent allowed for abrasion in coins that have been in circulation for twenty years. as shown by the date

date of coinage". This latter I think is the true interpretation of the law.

Please give me your views on the subject.

Very Respectfully
[signature]
Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 8th 44

I would respectfully ask your attention to the consideration of the following subject, viz- Section 29th of the "Coinage Act of 1843" directs that the Sum of $50.000 shall be transferred to the credit of the Superintendent of the Mint for the purchase of metals for the manufacture of the Minor Coinage. It has been suggested that this fund is a permanent loan for the Mint, to be regarded as being on the same footing as the Bullion Fund. It is clearly different from the Bullion Fund, inasmuch as that fund is never increased or decreased, excepting by actual transfers of Coin, or the changing in valuation of Silver, and in no case yield a profit to the Mint, but is simply held as a reserve to pay deposits with a little delay as possible. On the other hand the $50.000 - is given to us purely for the purchase of metals for the Minor Coinage, and by

by the law we are limited to that sum. It has been said that this fund is to be kept intact by transfers from the profits on the Minor Coinage, but the law appropriating it does not so intimate. On the contrary it expressly states that "the gain arising from the Coinage of such metals into coin of a nominal value exceeding the cost thereof, shall be credited to a Special fund denominated the Minor Coinage Profit Fund; and the fund shall be charged with the wastage incurred in such Coinage, and with the cost of the distributing of the coin." The balance remaining to the credit of this fund shall be covered into the Treasury of the United States.

Shall this fund of $50.000 be kept intact by transfers from the profits of the Minor Coinage? or shall we receive a monthly a/c. of the expenditure therefrom, (separate from the Ordinary a/c. of Coinage) to be supplied by regular appropriations for each year; and transferring the unexpended balance at the

close

close of the fiscal year, as usual; or, in what manner shall the account with this fund be kept and rendered?

Very Respectfully Yours

Jas Cowell
Superintendent

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Treasury Dept
Washington
D.C.

Jany 4

Sir

In reply to your inquiry, under date of the 6th inst, as to the amount of small silver coin possible of execution during the present month, I have to state that the result will depend somewhat upon the demand made upon us for gold and base coin.

Last months work included several days over time, and the coinage for the month was as follows.

	No Pieces	Value
Gold	70.000	$1.206.000
Silver	1.282.400	508.185
Base	1.780 000	36.600
Total	3.132.400	$1.750.785

We can certainly turn out proportionately as large a coinage this

this month.

The result will to a certain extent depend upon the character of the bullion operated upon, and the number of melts contained in each delivery.

I shall do all in my power to make the coinage as large as possible.

Very Respectfully
J. A. Poseoff
Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Report of
Official Postage Stamps
used in December, 1873.

Philadelphia
January 2. 4

December 3

10	10	910	9 10
110	2 20	2220	44 40
354	7 62	5200	186 00
102	6 12	1920	115 36
10	70	44	3 08
4	40	420	42 00
3	36	352	42 24
7	105	42	6 30
3	90	176	52 80
9	270	39	35 10
	$22 15		$506 28

Jas Pollock

Jany 10 74

Sir

Herewith I forward reports of Assay Coins and deliveries for the Quarter ending December 31. 1873.

The special report for December will be forwarded in a few days.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Superintendent

Hon.
Ch R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 10th 4

Gentlemen

Your bid of $4164 72 Gold Coin, (Double Eagles) for the 91 Barrels Mint Sweeps is accepted.

Be kind enough to remit and also instruct us as to how you will have the sweeps shipped.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock
Superintendent

Mess. C. S. Dennis & Son
38 & 40 Walnut St.
Newark
N. J.

Jany. 10th 1864

Gentlemen

Your bid, being below that of other parties, is respectfully declined.

With thanks for your promptness in responding,

Yours Respectfully

Jas. Powell
Supt.

E. Balbach & Son
233 River St.
Newark
N.J.

Jany 10th 4

Gentlemen

Your bid for the Mont Sweeps offered on the 24th ult, being below that of other parties, it is respectfully declined.

With thanks for your attention,

Yours Truly

Jas. Pollock
Supt

Mess. Spear Howard & Waters
17 John St
New York

Jany. 10th 4

Gentlemen

Your bid for the Mint Swerps being below that of others received, it is respectfully declined.

Thanking you for your prompt response,

Yours Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Superintendent

Mess R. Longman's Sons
31 John St.
New York

Jany 10 74

Sir

Enclosed I forward weekly Statement of the Coinage at this Mint for the week ending January 10. 1874.

Also cashiers report of the amount and denomination of coin on hand, at the close of business this day.

Very Respectfully
Your Obed
Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jan'y 10 4

Hon. A.R. Linderman
Director &c. &c.

Sir

In pursuance of your letter of the 3rd inst. inclosing copy of a letter from the U.S. Minister Resident in Bolivia, I have caused assays to be made of the Bolivian silver coins contained therein.

The "Boliviano" which we have usually styled a dollar, weighs and assays exactly as expressed on its face; namely, 25 grammes or 385.8 grains, and 900 fine. It is therefore just the same as two of our half dollars of present standard. If value as you suggest, it is worth in gold 96.5 cents, which agrees with the rate assigned in the U.S. Treasury Circular of 1857 just instant.

In regard to the other two pieces, which are duplicates, they appear on their face to be merely medalets, in honor of the two statesmen whose heads & names are stamped thereon. There is no show of any current valuation. We are somewhat undecided, whether Mr. Croxton means that these represent, either the whole or half of the "peso feble." However, their average weight is 154 grains (say ten grammes) and the fineness 665, doubtless meant for $666\frac{2}{3}$, or two-thirds fine.

At the foregoing rate they are therefore worth (each) twenty eight and a half cents ($28\frac{1}{2}$ c.) in gold.

Respectfully
your obt servant
Jas. Pollock
Superint't

Jany 10 4

Mr Joshua Draper Jr.

Dear Sir

The mineral specimen sent by you on the 26th ult. has been assayed, and yields per ton of 2000 lbs.

Gold fifty two dols. ($ 52).
Silver two dols. 30 cts. (2.30)
The Mint Charge of $5 is received

Respy yours

[signature]
Supdt.

P. S. As you talk of buying, I must again caution you against doing so without trying a large quantity, say a ton or more.

[signature]

Jany 10th 74

Sir.

I have the honor to transmit herewith Statements of the Recoinage of light Gold Coins to the close of the fiscal year ending June 30th 1873, and also from July 1st 1873 to December 31st 1873.

While I regret that these Statements could not be forwarded to the Department at an earlier day, I will take this occasion to say that the extraordinary pressure on the Clerks in the daily routine of business is my apology for the unavoidable delay in forwarding them.

I have the Honor to be
Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Superintendent

Hon. W. A. Richardson
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington
D.C.

Jany 10th 4

Sir.

Enclosed I transmit statements of the recoinage of light gold coins from the commencement to June 30th 1873, and also from July 1st to December 31st 1873.

Very Respectfully Yours

J. W. Pollock
Superintendent

Hon. F. E. Spinner
Treasurer U. S.
Washington
D.C.

Jany. 12th 11

Sir

I have mailed to you this day my Report on the charges made by Mr. John P. Cochran against General O. H. LaGrange, Superintendent of the United States Mint at San Francisco, California.

Also with the Report I have sent the testimony taken in the cases, the bills, receipts, letters &c, &c, in evidence, and the Statement in defence of Superintendent LaGrange (with Vouchers attached &c) read by him at the close of the investigations.

It is a matter of congratulation to all interested in the honest administration of the Minting Institutions of the

United States, that the result of the investigation is so favor-able and honorable to Super-intendent LaGrange

Very Respectfully

[signature]

Superintendent

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Jany 12 4

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward Statement of the number and assay of the Annual Assay Coins reserved at this Mint during the month of December. 1873.

Very Respectfully

Superintendent

Hon.
H. P. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 13 4

Sir

I herewith transmit an additional Report of assays of the single coins of the United States made according to your directions by our Assayer.

Philadelphia Mint.

Trade Dollar.	December coinage.		898.5
Half "	do	do	900.5
Double Eagle	do	do	900.2
do "	do	do	900.—

San Francisco Mint

Trade Dollar.	November coinage		900.—
Half do	do	do	899.5

None received from Carson since September

Shall I make a settlement for the cut pieces in the hands of our Assayer. also how is the settlement

to be made, and to whom shall I send the proceeds?

I would also suggest, that there would be less value, and therefore less risk in sending these trial coins, if orders were given to send only part of the coin; cutting off so much as will indicate the Mint and the date, and sending enough for two assays. The gold dollar, and the dime, would have to be sent whole.

This would prevent the accumulation of chips, and would answer every purpose.

Very Respectfully
J. Ross Browne
Superintendent

Hon.
M. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

13th Jany 4

Sir

I would respectfully inform you that in the statement forwarded you on the 1st instant the leakage charges were omitted.

I herewith send you the amounts accrued to the 31st of March at ½ percent to the close of the fiscal year 30th of June 1873 at ⅙ of 1 percent & during this fiscal year to the 31st of December 1873.

To the 31st of March 1873 $ 8,954,358.98 at ½ per cent $ 44,771.79

" " 30th of June " $ 17,954,662.95 at ⅙ of 1 per cent $ 35,909.32

Total charges to the close of the fiscal year 30th of June 1873 $ 80,681.11

To the 31st of December 1873 $ 2,942,082.98 at ⅙ of 1 per cent $ 5,884.17

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt. U.S. Mint Phila.

From Wm. A. Richardson
Secretary of Treasury
Washington
D. C.

Jany 13 4

Sir

I herewith enclose for your information, a copy of a letter this day sent to the Secretary of the Treasury, giving a statement of the coinage charges on the gold received from the different Government Depositories for recoinage to the 31st of December 1873. The amount is large, and shows the value of our work here for the Government.

Very Respectfully
J. A. Pusey
Superintendent

Hon.
Th. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 14 4

Hon H. R. Linderman.
Director U. S. Mint. Treasy Dept Washington D.C.

Mr Cowperthwaite will be there to-morrow morning. Leaves midnight train.

J. S. Pollock
Supt

Jany 14 7

Sir

In reply to your inquiry of the 12th inst. I mail you a copy of the last Mint Report, but do not know of any document giving "the annual production of the World in the precious metals." It is probable that Prof. R. W. Raymond of New York U. S. Commissioner of Mining Statistics, might be able to give you some light on the subject.

Very Respectfully,

J. W. Powell

Supt.

Prof.
Henry Newton.
New York.

Jany 14 4

Sir

Your letter of the 9th inst has been recvd. to day.

We have no "catalogue of all the Coins of the United States". nor has such a document ever been printed that I am aware of.

Very Respty
J. A. Polevy
Supt.

Mr. L. W. Dibbles
Brooklyn
N. Y.

Jany 14 4

Sir

I have to day received by Express, the special assay coins from the Mint at San Francisco, for the month of December 1873. and immediately placed them in the hands of our Assayer.

I have also received to day by Express, a box of annual assay coins from the Mint at San Francisco, for the Quarter ending December 31. 1873.

Very Respectfully

[signature]

Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 14th 74

Sir:

Enclosed find Medal and Proof coin reports of Coiner for Quarter ending December 31st 1873, as follows:

A. Fine and Standard Gold and Silver used in Manufacture of Medals.

B. Copper used in the Manufacture of Medals

D. Gold Proof Coins.

L. Silver Proof Coins.

F. Gold Medals

K. Silver Medals

H. Bronze Medals.

Also Superintendents Report of Medals and Proof Coin as follows:

E. Gold Medals

I. Silver Medals

C. Gold Proof Coins

F. Silver Proof Coins

G. Bronze Medals

All of which is submitted in accordance with regulations

Very respectfully

L. A. Pollard

Superintendent

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

Jany 15th 4

Sir.

Enclosed I hand you a statement of the last lot of sweeps sold as per your instructions under date of the 15th inst.

Yours Very Respectfully

Jas. Cowpet

Superintendent

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Treasury Dept.
Washington
D.C.

Jany 16th 4

Sir

In compliance with your letter of the 5th inst. I herewith forward Statement showing the weight, fineness and deductions of such deposit from the Assay office at New York during the month of December 1875. as exhibit a difference between the assay of the Assay office and the Mint at Philadelphia together with a copy of an explanatory letter on the subject from Nich Broath, our Melter and Refiner.

We are certainly correct in our assays, and yet we differ from New York, theirs being higher than ours. Our Assayer agrees with me in this. Very Respectfully

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.

J. A. Pollock
Superintendent.

Jany 16 4

Sir

The special assay coins from your Mint for the month of December 1873. and the annual assay coins for the quarter ending December 31. 1873. have been duly received.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Superintendent

O H La Grange. Esq
Supt U. S. Mint
San Francisco
Cal.

Jany 16 4

Sir

Your letter of the 15th inst. in relation to the omission of the 50 medals of honor from Superintendents Report has been received.

These medals were delivered by the Coiner late in the Quarter, but required some topping for ribbons, before completion. In consequence we were not paid for our work on the medals until the 6th of January. inst. and the delivery and payment will appear in our next Quarterly Account and Report.

If you deem it best you may return the Superintendents Report of last Quarter. and I will add the 50 medals to it.

Very Respectfully

J. L. Pollock

Hon. H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint

Jany 16 4

Sir

The minor coinage metal-purchase account and vouchers which you returned for correction, were delivered to our Book Keeper, Mr. Cowperthwait, for restatement. They are locked up in his desk, and will not be accessible until his return from Washington. Upon his return I will look for the warrant for $12,311.80 for Wages of Workmen, on Minor Coinage rolls, for November 1873, and if it is among the papers referred to, will return it to you, as requested in your letter of the 15th inst.

Very Respectfully
J. A. Pollock
Superintendent

Hon. H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C

Jany 17 4

Sir

The regular and special assay coins from the Carson Mint for the quarter ending December 31st 1873. have been received today.

Very Respectfully

Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.
Washington
D.C

Jany 17 4

Sir

The regular and special assay coins from the Mint at Carson for the quarter ending December 31, 1873 have been received to day.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Pollock
Superintendent

Frank D Hetrick Esq
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson
Nevada.

Jany 17 74

Sir

Enclosed I forward Weekly Statement of the Coinage at this Mint for the week ending January 17. 1874.

Also Cashiers report of the amount and denomination of coin on hand at the close of business this day.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 17 4

Sir

Enclosed I return the State-
ment of the recoinages of light
gold coin which you loaned us
to aid in making out the much
fuller Statement that I herewith
forward.

The Statements of the operations
of the Mint called for in your
letter of December 16. 1873 will be
forwarded when our Book Keeper
returns from Washington.

Very Respectfully
J. A. Paxton
Superintendent

Hon
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 19 4

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 17th inst. I have to state, that the kegs in which the coins you mention was shipped to you came from New Orleans with the nails driven through the sides as you found them, and which our boopers failed to remove, through inadvertence.

This is the first complaint of the kind we have ever had. as we use tacks for that purpose with a view of avoiding such results.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Pollock
Supt.

Thos. Hillhouse. Esq
Asst Treas. U. S.
New York

19th Jany 1

Sir

In answer to yours of the 5th of inst's I would state that the twelve kegs named containing $400.000. have been received also three kegs additional containing $150.000. but no letter with them. &c.

I enclose the lists as you requested & a few tags on which there is some difference in weight. The separate drafts were not weighed very closely but each keg the weights were accurate.

Very Respectfully

Jas. J. Flanders Esq
Asst. Treas. U.S.
New Orleans

Jas. Pouch
Superintendent

Jany 20 4

Sir

Your letter of the 17th inst. enclosing draft on New York for $200. to pay for that amount in silver coin. has been received this morning. The Mint is a manufacturing institution. and executes coinage for depositors of bullion on the terms of the enclosed circular, but does not keep gold or silver coin for sale or exchange.

Your draft is therefore herewith returned.

Very Respectfully
J. A. Pascoe
Supt.

R. Griffith. Esq. Prest.
Columbus.
Ind.

Jany 20th 4

Sir

In compliance with the suggestion in your letter of December 11th 1873, I send you herewith Statement of amount of Old Material Sold during Quarter ending December 31st 1873; Also of Profits arising from Manufacture and Sale of Medals, proofs and Specimen coins for same period.

Very respectfully
A. Loud
Superintendent

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C

Jany 20th 4

Sir:

I enclose herewith Comparative Statements of the bullion operated upon at this Mint for the last 6 months of 1872 and 1873, respectively.

Very Respectfully Yours

Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
U. S. Treasury
Washington
D. C.

Jany 21 4

Sir

I forward you to day by Express. seven sets in silver of the pattern trade dollar as requested in your note of December 23d 1873. for Officers of the Treasury Department, and Secretary of the Navy.

The price per set of six pieces to you, in currency, is $7.50, total for the seven sets $52.50. which you will please remit to me.

I also send you as requested two sets in copper, struck to prove dies, for your use. and that of your Department.

Please acknowledge receipt.

Very Respectfully

J. C. Pollock
Superintendent

Wm. H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington, D.C.

Telegram

January 21. 4

J. H. Cassidy,
Pioche, Nevada.
Double Eagles authorized by Act of forty Nine, and one piece struck for Mint cabinet. First regular coinage was in Eighteen hundred and fifty.

Jas. Pollock
Supt. U.S. Mint

(24 words collect.)

Jany 21 4

Sir

The specimen of ore enclosed in your letter of the 17th inst. is rock or gravel tinted with iron mica. and sulphuret. and of no value.

Yours Respttly

J. W. Pascoe
Capt

Mr.
John M Tik
Lacon
Ill

Jany 21 4

Sir

Your letter of the 7th inst. has been received.

In reply would state, that on the 17th of August 1872, Chas. E. Brown deposited 20 21/100 ozs gold, which weighed after melting 17 68/100 ozs. value $343.12/100. This sum in gold was sent by Adams Express to Chas. E Brown, Skowhegan, Maine, on the 21st of August 1872.

Very Respty

J. W. Powell
Supt

R. N. Williams, Esq
Scales Diggings.
Strawberry Valley P.O.
Cal.

Jany 21st 4

Sir

Your letter of the 17th notifying us of the Shipment of a registered package of Nickels containing $60.= for redemption; and also stating that you had shipped a like package on the 22nd of Dec 1873, containing $40.00, has been received.

In reply I have to inform you that on the 10th of November we received a package containing $40.00 which was counted and the receipt for the same forwarded through the regular channel: Since that time we have received no package from you.

It is a little too early, however, to look for the package shipped on the 17th inst.

Your respectfully

[signature]

Superintendent

Thos S. Case Esq
P. M. Kansas City
Mo

Jany 21 74

Sir

Herewith I return the table of Assay coins from the three Coining Mints for the year 1873. forwarded with your letter of the 20th inst. received this morning: and have made three corrections, marked in red ink. viz.

Philadelphia. Silver. October 1873.

Carson. Gold. July. and September, 1873.

I enclose copies of the letters of advice from the Mint at San Francisco, for the last three quarters, from which you will learn that our statement of their Assay coins is a matter of calculation from their lumped reports, and we cannot give the number for each month.

Very Respectfully

A. Boyd

Superintendent

Hon. H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.

Jany 22d 4

Sir

On making an examination of the entries in the enclosed statement of recoinages handed to the bookkeeper by your clerk when in Washington, and comparing them with the correspondence it is found that the item of $6895 was the count of 3 shipments of coin from the Asst Treasurer at Boston, as is also the item of $1273.50 on Octr. 17th 73. The instructions are that they should be deposited, after recoinage, to the credit of the "Asst. Treasurer U. S. at Boston".

The item of $95.203.50 noted as from Philadelphia contained the sum of $100 California Coin and $2.50 mutilated U.S. coin. The balance ($95.109 abraded pieces) was entered separately to show the loss [illegible] coin [illegible] memorandum of Deposit)

The item of $36 entered on Oct. 1st 73 to your credit is composed of a shipment from your Office under date of Sept. 26th 1873 of $35.50 and an odd piece from one other shipment making a credit to you of $36 — and the entry of $26.12 was U. S. Coin for recoinage, the 3.881.75 being Foreign coin and therefore chargable for coinage.

The item of $57.50, coin from Richmond was, as you say, from the Collector at that place.

The U. S. Depositary at Mobile deposited the $211, entered June 18th 1872.

The Asst. Treasurer U. S. at New Orleans made two deposits for $280 & $430 — each respectively.

From the Asst. Treas. U. S. at Charleston [illegible] of $45.50 was received on [illegible] 1873.

The items of $275 from Rochester, and $457 from Milwaukie were each from Collectors.

The statements were forwarded to you in pursuance of instructions from the Director of the Mint, and they are herewith returned. I also enclose copies of the letters received here with each shipment made.

Very Respectfully Yours
J. A. Pollock
Superintendent

Hon. F. E. Spinner
Treasurer U. S.
Washington
D. C.

Jany 22d 4

Sir.

In reply to yours of the 20th inst asking for a detailed statement of the Minor Coinage and Alloys on hand exclusive of the $50.000 — Purchases, I have to inform you that the following statement represents the condition of such accounts.

Minor Coins on hand	Jany 20th 1874	$5.344.55
U.S. Currency		123.388.16
	Total	$128.732.71

The above sum is due as follows, viz—

To the Ordinary a/c.	$44.293.34
" " Minor Coinage a/c, as profits	$50.043.88
" " Reissue a/c.	11.900
" " Exchanges	629.55
" " Minor Coinage Metal Fund	21.719.84
	$128.786.61

The difference $53.90 is minor coinage in

in the Silver Co. for change.

The Coins in the Minor Coinage Redemption Fund are as follows. Viz—

Old Copper		$ 7.701.89
Nickel	1 ct.	98.516.99
Bronze	1 ct.	718.86
Do.	3 ct.	6.353.64
Nickel	3 ct.	1.311.66
Do.	5 ct.	11.569.85
	Total	$ 119.208.27

The Mint & Assay estimate that it has on hand exclusive of any metals purchased out of the Minor Coinage Metal Fund,

say 12.33 lbs.	Nickel @ 33	$ 36.99
31.099 "	Copper @ 33	7.153.77
	Total	$ 10.851.77

The Tin & Spelter on hand is in such small quantities as not to be estimated, being in Clippings.

Thus, to recapitulate, we have in the hands of the Melter & Refiner,

Copper and Nickel $ 10.851.77

and in the Redemption Fund,

Copper $ 7.704.89
Nickel 1¢ 98.546.99
Bronze 2¢ 6.353.04 112.504.92

Total $ 123.356.69

Besides this there will be available the sum of $ 21.763.72 from the Minor Coinage (~~$ 50.000~~) a/c, after refunding the Minor Coinage Metal Fund for expenditures therefrom. The recoinage of the Nickel 1¢ pieces would be sufficient for the adjustment of the a/c.

Very Respectfully Yours

Jas. P. Kimball
Supt.

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 23 4

Sir

Referring to your letter of the 15th inst. and also of the 22d. I have to report that the Superintendents warrant for $12.311.80 for Wages of Workman on Minor Coinage rolls for month of November, was not among the minor coinage purchase accounts returned to me in your letter of January 14th. and is not in our possession

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Superintendent

Hon
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.
Washington
D.C.

Jany 23 4

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 21st. inst. I have to state, that the Mint charges $5.00 for each assay of ore, for gold and silver, payable in advance.

Very Respectfully

Chas Marsh. Esq
Girardville
Pa

Jany 23 4

Sir.

Yours of the 22d inst. offering the Mint sundry old coins &c. has been recvd.

Upon examination we find that we have the coins you mention, and will not therefore need them.

I enclose card of Mr Jno W Haseltine, Dealer in coins &c.

Yours Resptly
[illegible]
Supt.

Mr.
G N Osborne
Wilmington
Del

Jany 23 [illegible]

Sir

I have this morning received your letter of the 22nd inst. enclosing draft on H. R. Linderman New York for $52.50 in payment of seven pattern pieces of the Trade Dollar forwarded to you on the 21st inst.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 23 4

Sir

I have promoted George Hansell, cutter in the boiners department at $3.25 per diem, to be foreman of the butters in that department at $3.50 per diem, in place of Robert Gillespie, resigned, to take effect from January 1. 1874. and submit the same for your approval,

The boiners letter of nomination is herewith enclosed.

Very Respectfully
J. A. Polsom
Superintendent.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 23 4

Sir

I have appointed Edwin L Walton, of the 19th Ward, Laborer in the general department at $2.75 per diem, to take effect February, 1. 1874. in place of W. B. Wunder, promoted to Fireman; and submit the same for your approval.

This appointment is strongly urged by Hon. Leonard Myers. M.C.

Very Respectfully
J. A. Pollock
Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jan. 24th 4

Sir

Herewith I enclose the bill of James C. Pollock for milage and services in the investigation of the charges against the Superintendent of U.S. Mint at San Francisco; as requested in your letter of 23d instant.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Superintendent

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Jany 24 4

Sir

Your letter of the 23d inst. has been received. In reply I herewith mail you the Mint Report for 1873. together with several coinage circulars, I do not know of any publication showing the production and coinage of gold in all countries. Prof R. M. Raymond of New York, or Brooklyn. U. S. Commission of Mining Statistics, could probably give you more information on the subject than any other person within convenient reach.

Very Respectfully

[signature]
Supt.

E. S. Drone. Esq
New York

Jany 4 4

Sir

The enclosed letter from Berlin. received this morning. is forwarded for your consideration. and reply. I never heard of any laws in the U. S. regulating the standard fineness of Gold and Silver ware.

Very Respectfully
[signature]
Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 24 7

Sir

I enclose & forward Weekly Statement of the coinage at this Mint for the week ending January 24. 1874.

Also Cashiers report of the amount and denomination of coin on hand at the close of business this day.

Very Respectfully
Jno. Pollock
Superintendent

Hon.
Ch. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 24 4

Sir.

In relation to the matter of procuring the Nickel 1c. pieces for the purpose of refunding to the Mint Coinage Redemption Fund the amount transferred to the U.S. Treasury, I would respectfully suggest that there is to the credit of the Mint Coinage Ac. the sum of $21.763 72 after deducting the cost of metal purchased from the Minor Coinage Metal Fund, which might be applied to the reimbursing of the Redemption Fund. Cannot this sum be at once drawn upon by the Treasurer of the U.S. and applied for the above purpose.

Very Respectfully Yours

Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon. H.R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington. D.C

Jany 27th 4

Sir.

Please draw your Transfer Ord. upon me for the Sum of Fifteen Thousand One Hundred and Seventy Five (15.17.5) Dollars, that Sum being in my hands as proceeds of Minor Coins Reissued.

Very Respectfully Yours

Jas. Pollock

Superintendent

Hon F. E. Spinner
Treasurer of the U. S.
Washington
D. C.

Jany 27 4

Hon. Otis Bisbee

Dear Sir

If I correctly understand your request it is this, that the young man under your care may have an opportunity to witness all the operations of the Mint, and become so familiar with them, as to be able to direct and govern a Mint, but not actually to be a workman.

Although we generally decline a request of this kind, which somewhat interferes with our work, yet I should be entirely willing to grant you this privilege, on account of our friendly relations with the Japanese, and of their ambition to stand high in the arts of civilized life.

I think, however, it would be proper first for you to send this reply to the Ambassador of Japan at Washington, requesting him to

send it to the Director of the Mint, in the Treasury Department at Washington, with the endorsement of his request; and no doubt we shall then have such official directions as will be satisfactory.

As our Annual Assay occurs shortly (about the middle of February) it would not be convenient to receive your pupil until after that time.

Very respectfully
your obt. servant

Jas. Pollock
Superintendent

Jany 27 4

Sir

You have been appointed laborer in the Mint at $2.75 per diem, and will report for duty to Mr Jas. Bowden, February 1st. 1874.

You will go before an Alderman and subscribe to the enclosed oath of Allegiance and bring it with you.

Yours Respty

Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Mr.
Edwin L. Walton.
2453 Tulip St
Phila

Jany 27 4

Sir

Enclosed I forward, with the charges marked, a report by our Assayer, of the assay of two mineral specimens from A. G. Mills, Esq. forwarded by you for analysis. These were part of the twelve specimens sent here.

Very Respectfully
[signature]
Superintendent

Hon
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 27 4

Sir

Your letter of the 21st inst. enclosing copy of a letter &c from Supt of the New York Assay office, referring to the loss in melting bars, and differences in fineness at this Mint, as compared with that office, was duly received.

As our Assayer and Melter and Refiner were the parties more directly interested in the subject matter of that communication, I directed copies of your letter, with the letter and statement of the Supt of the N.Y. Assay office, to be given to them, requesting their views, and explanations in writing.

I now enclose letter no 1. of Prof Booth, Melter & Refiner, in explanation of

the alleged loss in melting, also no 2. containing his suggestions after reading Mr DuBois communication, Also letter of Mr PuBois, our Assayer, explanatory of the differences in assay &c.

The explanations in these letters are to me not only satisfactory, but I believe in full accordance with the facts of the case.

The suggestion of a mode of trial by Mr DuBois is approved by Prof Booth, with some modifications, I think Prof Booths suggestion the best, and the one that will most effectually test the question, at issue.

The Committee on Wastage, (Yourself, and Prof Rogers) have in fact determined these questions, and proved conclusively, that with every remelt there is, of necessity, a loss of two and upwards; the extent of the loss influenced by the presence of base metal

Assayer &c.

If the proposition for a trial is adopted the deposite from the New York Assay office should be sent in the usual course of business without notice to them prior to sending of the trial to be made. A deposite specially prepared for the purpose would not settle the question or in any satisfactory manner determine the controversy.

The Exhibits A. B. & C. of the New York Assay office are herewith returned.

Very Respectfully
[signature]
Superintendent

Hon.
W. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 27th 4

Sir:

Enclosed I forward Certificate of this date, No 5721, of the deposit by myself, with the Asst Treasurer of the U.S. at Philadelphia, of the Sum of Forty Six and 05/100 Dollars on account of 302 bushels Wood Ashes Sold Prof Booth @ 15¢ per bushel $45.30; and one old gas burner Sold to Wm R. Leidy Jr .15¢

Very Respectfully Yours

J. W. Powell

Superintendent

Hon Wm A. Richardson
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington
D.C

Jany 27th 44

Sir

In compliance with regulations I herewith enclose letter to the Secretary of the Treasury, together with Certificate of Deposit No 572 for $46.05 on account of Old Material Sold.

Please forward the letter and Certificate to their proper destination

Very Respectfully

Wm. Pollock
Superintendent

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C

Jany 27 4

Sir

In making up our record of reserved coins for the annual assay in February to be laid before the assay Commissioners, and used to compare with the contents of the boxes as they are opened. I find that we cannot make up a schedule, by months, of the assay coins from the Mint at San Francisco, fo the reason that I have received from that Mint only quarterly statements in gross. If you have a statement by months of assay coins from that Mint, for the calander year 1873. I will thank you for the us of it, long enough to make a c to complete our record, when I return it to you.

Very Respectfully

[signature]

Hon. H. R. Linderman, Dir.

San Jose 74

Hon. N. N. Linderman
Director &c. &c.

Sir

The Assayer reports as follows, upon single coins sent from Carson and San Francisco Mints.

Carson.

			Fine
D. E.	October Coinage		899.8
Do.	November "		900.—
Do.	December "		900.2
½ Dollar	October	"	899.—
Half Dol.	do.	"	899.7
½ Dol.	Novem^r	"	899.7
Do.	Decem^r	"	900.—

San Francisco

½ Dollar	Decem^r	"	898.5
D. E.	do.		900.1

This report completes the trials for 1873.

Very respectfully,

Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Jany 28 4

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward my requisition of this date for the sum of $30.158.34 for the service of this institution for the month of February. 1874. out of the current appropriation. It has been graduated carefully to our probable wants, and I am anxious that a draft for the amount should be forwarded by the first of the month. if possible.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Superintendent

Hon.
H. P. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 28th 74

Sir

Enclosed I hand you a Statement of the Earnings and Expenditures of this Institution for the 4th quarter 1873.

Very Respectfully Your
A. Pollock
Supt

Hon H.R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

No. Quarto 3

Coinage

Coinage Charges		$ 13.157.15
Bullion do	do	3.055.10
Seigniorage		29.059.111 —
	Total	$ 115.291.142
Mint Coinage Profits. (Approximate)		$ 110.000.—

Charles Lee $ 42.206 07

Expenses.

Wages — Regular Ordinary		$ 110.031.83
do	Mint Coinage	do. 35.911.21
Salaries.	Regular Ordinary	8.575.
Incidentals	do.	9.456.36
do.	Mint Coinage	do. 14.265.90
Metals for Mint Coinage		38.221.13
Expenses Transportation		2.175.47
do.	do. (Silver Coin)	1.498.28

Telegram

January 28. 4

Thos. C. Acton
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York

Will send you four thousand dollars in dimes, to morrow, Thursday, and more if possible.

J. W. Powell
Supt. U. S. Assay

Jany. 29th 74

To the Cashier U.S. Mint
Phila.
Pa.

Sir:

You will deliver to the Melter and Refiner for Melting and Recoinage (from the Base Coin Redemption Fund) Ten Thousand (10.000.00) Dollars in One cent Nickle Coin, as per authority of Director of the Mint in his letter and telegram of April 24th 1873, also letter of 23d January 1874.

J. W. Pugsley
Supt.

Jan'y. 29th 4

Sir

By your direction the Assistant Treasurer of the United States, at St. Louis forwarded by Express, on the 23rd of December 1873, $701,000 in light gold coin, for recoinage.

Your attention having been called to the conditions of the coins then sent, you, by letter of the 5th instant, requested the pieces to be weighed separately, and to reserve such as are reasonably within the least current weight and otherwise in good condition, and report the result to you.

I enclose a Statement of the result, from which it appears that of the amount sent here, $322,588.50 were within the current weight, — $378.377,00, received, producing $374,791.63;

Counterfeit $30.00.

The Assistant Treasurer should be required to weigh accurately all the gold coins sent for recoinage, and thus prevent the melting of any large number with scarcely the semblance of abrasion upon them.

What shall I do with the coin within the legal limit? Shall they with the proceeds of the recoined gold be sent to the U. S. Assistant Treasurer at New York, as requested in your letter of December 16th 1873? Please direct.

Very Respectfully Your

Jas. Brooks

Superintendent

Hon W. A. Richardson
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

Jany 2 ; 4.

Sir

I enclose a copy of a letter sent this day to the Secretary of the Treasury enclosing Statement of the result of weighing the gold coin ($701.000) sent here by the Asst Treasurer. U.S. at St Louis! Nearly one half were of full legal weight, and in good condition. More care should be taken by Asst Treasurers in sending coin for recoinage. The loss to the Government in many of the re-coinages made, has been great, because of the want of careful weighing.

The smaller gold coins should not be sent for recoinage, unless so much abraded as to be beyond doubt too light for circulation. I send the copy for your information. Very Respfly

Hon. H. R. Linderman, Director. [signature] Supt

Jany 30 4

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward.

1. Statement of Deposits of Gold and Silver Bullion at this Mint during the month of December 1873.

2. Statement of Gold and Silver of domestic production deposited during the month of December 1873.

3. Statement of bars manufactured during the month of December. 1873.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Superintendent

Hon.
Col. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 30 74

Sir

Enclosed herewith I return, with thanks, the reports of assay coins from the Mint at San Francisco for the last three quarters of the calendar year 1873, forwarded for comparison use in your letter of the 28th inst.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 31 4

Sir.

Yours of the 29th inst has been recd.

The Mint executes coinage for depositors of bullion, but does not furnish silver for manufacturing purposes.

You can buy what you need of Sailer & Stevenson no 46 South Third Street, Philadelphia, or any other coin or bullion brokers in the large cities.

Very Resptly
J. R. Snowden
Supt.

Mr.
G. P. Huntley
Clyde
Ohio

Jany 30 4

Sir

Your letter of the 26th inst, in answer to my letter of the 24th inst, inquiring wether the sum of $21.708.72, profits of the minor coinage, cannot be drawn upon at once by the Treasurer of the United States, and applied to the reimbursing of the Redemption fund, has been received.

I agree with you "that the gain arising from the minor coinage is the difference between the nominal value of such coin and the cost thereof, and is chargable only with the wastage incurred, and the expense of distributing such coin: the balance to be paid into the Treasury &c.

This is true in relation to coins produced from material purchased for the purpose - new coin from new material, but in the case of redeemed coins, transferred to the Melter + Refiner by order of the Secretary of the Treasury or Director of the Mint for re-coinage, the case is different. A new element enters into the calculation of cost and profits. viz the nominal value of the re-deemed coins so transferred. From the proceeds of such recoinage an amount equal to the tale, or nominal, value of those coins must be first applied to reimburse the Redemption fund; the balance, after deducting the actual cost of new material used (if any) the wastage and cost of distribution, will be the profits of such coinage to be paid into the Treasury.

Now what are the facts of the case, as they appear upon our Books of accounts? Is the sum we ask to be applied to the re-imbursing of the Redemption fund the profit of new coin from new metal, or the proceeds and profits of the re-coinage of re-deemed coin?. Let us see. From April 1. 1873 to January 1. 1874. no new metal was used in the re-coinage of the re-deemed coin, except a small lot of nickel which had been purchased under the old law, out of the profits of the minor coinage, which profits arose principally out of the recoinage of re-deemed coin. We find that prior to April 1. 1873. there was delivered to the Melter & Refiner for melting &c.

old copper cents $31.819.23

Copper-nickel 1 cent pieces 32.000.00

Total $63.819.23

This sum was not only re-imbursed to the Redemption fund, and paid into the Treasury; but on the 31st of March 1873. by order of the Comptroller of the Treasury. there was paid into the Treasury, profits, in great part gained from the re-coinage of $2.000 copper-nickel 1 cent pieces, $15-4.646-85; two and one half times as much in value as the re-deemed coin used in the coinage. This account would thus seem to be satisfactorily closed.

How stands the account since April 1. 1873.- the commencement of the new law?

Delivered to the Melter & Refiner for re-coinage since April 1. 1873. re-deemed coin as follows.

Nickel- copper	1 cent pieces	$40.000.00
Bronze	2 " "	70.200.00
do	1 " "	3.160.00

Nickel	3 cent pieces		870.00
Do	5 " "		1,700.00
			$116,930.00

With the exception of the $40,000 nickel-copper 1 cent pieces, all the coins transferred as above, were re-coined without the use of any new metal- the coins being of the proper alloy, and requiring no change in their constituent metals. In the recoinage of the $40,000.00 1 cent nickel-copper pieces. 12 per cent nickel was added to produce the 3 and 5 cent nickel coins this nickel used (almost the entire amount) was on hand, and formed no part of the 5000 lbs recently purchased. Such being the facts. how should the proceeds be applied? certainly first, to reimburse the Redemption fund, secondly, to new metal, if any was used. distribution and wastage

As we have shown no new metal

was used, distribution and wastage properly settled, but no formal transfer made to reimburse the Redemption fund the proceeds paid into the Treasury being denominated "Profits of Minor coinage". Now mark; there has been paid into the Treasury from the re-coinage of the above, under the name of Profits, the sum of $205.000, and yet I am charged, as I understand, on the Books of the Department with the entire amount transferred to the Melter & Refiner, to wit $115.930 as due Redemption fund. That fund has been fully reimbursed, as a brief recapitulation will show.

Transferred to U.S. Treasury from April 1, 1873 to December 11. 1873.	$205.000.00
Included in these transfers, due Redemption fund, which deduct	$115.930.00
Profit gained by the re-coinage	$89.070.00
Add net profit on hand, after allowing the $50.000, due metal fund	25.722.7
Total profits	$114.792.7

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Add net profit on hand, after allowing the $50,000, due Metal fund — 25.722.7

Total profits $114.792.7

It thus appears that after reimbursing the Redemption fund in full and allowing for the entire sum of $50,000. set apart for the purchase of metals, spark of which $10,000. was only used in the recent purchases. there is a clear profit of $114,792.75 resulting from this coinage, nearly equal to the nominal value of the coins transferred to the Melter & Refiner, or a gain of about one hundred per cent.

With such an exhibit, are we not entitled to be drawn upon at once, not only for the sum of $21,763.72 (now $22,763.72) but should not the Minor Coinage Profit Account be charged with $114,792.00. and the Redemption fund credited with that amount, thus corresponding to the facts and truth of the case, and relieving these accounts from even seeming embarrassment.

This I submit is the plain and practicable way of adjusting that, which in itself, is a simple question of account, the difficulty, if any, arising from calling all the proceeds of recoinage "profits," and not properly distinguishing, at the time of transfer and entry, between re-imbursment, and profit.

This omission can be easily corrected without affecting the integrity of the accounts, and thus relieve me from seeming to be a debtor to the Mint on Coinage Redemption fund.

But if, in the opinion of those who keep and control the accounts, this cannot be done. I will, notwithstanding my own convictions and views, carry out the suggestion of your letter of the 20 d inst. and by the proceeds of the coins now on hand

reimbursed the Redemption fund, and also the amount that may hereafter be used.

I have already ordered, under your letter of the 26th inst, the transfer of $10,000 nickel-copper 1 cent pieces to the Melter & Refiner for recoinage.

I have thus given you my views on this subject for the purpose of placing myself right upon the record.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 31 74

Sir

Enclosed I forward.

1. Statement of Minor coins Redeemed, Reissued, and Exchanged at this Mint, during the month of January 1874.

2. Statement of Coinage executed at this Mint during the month of January 1874.

3. Weekly Report of the Coinage at this Mint, for the week ending January 31. 1874.

Very Respectfully

[signature]

Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 31 4

Sir

At the close of business this day I made the usual monthly count and examination of the monies in the hands of the Cashier of the Mint, with the following result. viz.

Gold	$ 921.241.44
Silver	44.517.97
Ordinary A/c Regular	19.182.03
Ordinary " Minor Coinage	2.764.27
Minor Coinage	85.372.75
" Coins Exchanged	849.60
" Coinage Redemption fund.	113.094.58
Total.	$ 1.187.022.54

which corresponds with his books.

I also made examination into the general condition and operations of the Mint and the Institution

was found to be in good working order, and its business conducted in a careful and satisfactory manner.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient
Superintendent

Hon.
A. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feb 4

Sir

Enclosed I forward the oath of Allegiance of Edwin L. Walton, recently appointed Laborer in this Mint.

Very Respectfully

Superintendent

Hon
W. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feby 2 4

Sir

By direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, in his letter of Jany 30. 1874. I have this day sent you by Express, $34.50/100. counterfeit gold coins found in the light gold coins ($701.000) sent by you to this Mint December 26. 1873. as advised by your letter of that date.

By direction of the Secretary the coins sent were re-weighed here, and a statement of the result enclosed.

I will send the coin of legal weight $322.588.50, and the proceeds of the light gold recoined $374.791.63. to the U.S. Asst Treasurer at New York, in a few days, as directed by the Secretary of the Treasury.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

A. G. Edwards Esq
U.S. Asst. Treas St. Louis.

Feby 2 4

Sir

Referring to your letter of the 13th of January ultimo, I forward to you to day, by the Adams Express Company, whose receipt I herewith enclose, thirty (30) silver discs.

I have given you credit with 2-6 discs returned January 29th from Annapolis, Md. and enclose duplicate receipted bills, exhibiting the state of the account, and showing a balance due the Mint of $69.42, which I will thank you to remit in new silver coin. The transaction being upon a bullion basis, abraded coin would subject our Melter & Refiner to loss.

The former charge for turning

the discs I found it be much too long and the price, per disc, has been increased to cover the actual cost to the Mint.

Very Respectfully
J. A. Leach
Superintendent

Wm. L. Jeffers. Chief
Bureau of Ordnance.
Navy Department
Washington
D.C.

Feby 2 4

Sir

I have this day sent to your address by Adams Express, 8 sets of the Pattern Trade Dollar of 1873.

Three sets are in fine cases, intended for the President, Secretary of State, and some other officer of the Government, as suggested in your last letter. The remaining five sets are the reserve, you mention, for the other officers who may hereafter wish to have a set, at the price named in the bill below.

I have paid for these 8 sets in silver, at $6.60 per set $52.80
Premium on silver 4.75
Total currency $57.55

The Bill will then be as follows, viz.

Feby 2. 1873.	To 8 sets Pattern Trade Dollars @ $6.60 silver	$52.80
" " " "	Premium paid in currency	4.75
" " " "	Three cases for coins @ $5.00 ea	15.00
" " " "	Two silver dollars 1873 & 1874.	2.40
		74.95
" " "	Cr By Excess in currency paid on former bill	2.60
	Balance payable in currency	$72.35

In explanation of the deduction of $2.60. I would state, that on the 20th ult. you sent me your check for $52.50 to pay for 7 sets at $7.50. currency, The cost in silver was $46.20. for which I paid a premium of $3.70. making in all $49.90 in currency, deduct this sum from the $52.50 and we have $2.60. over.

As this transaction is not connected with our Medal and Proof coin sales, I have deducted the $2.60 from the above bill. leaving a balance of $72.35 payable in currency, which you will please remit to me by check or otherwise.

Very Respectfully

[signature]

Hon. H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint

Feby 2 4

Sir

Enclosed I forward Report of Annual Assay coins reserved during the month of January 1874. at this Mint.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feby 4 4

Sir

The documents mentioned in your letter of the 3d inst. for use of the Assay Commission, have been received to day by the Adams Express.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feby 4th 4

Sir

In compliance with regulations I herewith enclose letter to the Secretary of the Treasury, together with Certificate of Deposit No. 603 for $181.75 proceeds of the Assay of Ores to this date, and paid to Me by Wm E. DuBois, Assayer of this Mint.

Please forward the letter and Certificate to their proper destination.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Superintendent

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C

Feby 4th 4

Sir

Enclosed I forward Certificate of this date, No. 603, of the deposit by myself, with the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at Philadelphia, of the Sum of One Hundred and eighty one 75/100 ($181.75) Dollars, the proceeds of the assay of ores to this date, paid to me by Wm. E. DeBois Assayer of this Mint.

Very Respectfully Yours

Jas. Pollock

Superintendent

Hon Wm. A. Richardson
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington
D. C

Feby 6 4

Sir

Your letter of the 2d inst. in relation to the supply of light gold coin from the Assistant Treasurers now on hand and how long before the recoinage will be completed, &c. has been received.

The amount now on hand, received since January 12. 1874. to 26 th inst. is.

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complete the coinage of the above. In the mean time our Annual Assay occurs (commencing February 11th inst) and this event, including the time required to arrange for, and re-arrange after the meeting, will cause a delay of three or four days more, probably a week, according to the time occupied by the Commission.

When ready for another supply I will inform you.

Permit me to say what I have said in my communication to the Secretary of January 29th ult. that the several Assay Treasurers U. S. should be required to weigh accurately the gold coins before sending them to the Mint for re-coinage, as a very large amount of the coins heretofore sent, judging by the weight in mass, and of single pieces selected

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indiscriminately, were within the legal standard, without abrasion and in good condition. We cannot reweigh them here without interfering greatly with our regular business, and causing much delay.

Very Respectfully

J. G. Pollock

Superintendent

Hon.

J. L. Hartley

Asst. Secretary Treasury

Washington

D.C.

Feby 6 4

Sir

I have this morning received your letter of the 5th inst. enclosing check of the U. S. Treasurer on the Asst Treasurer U. S. at Philadelphia for $72.35. for certain sets of Specimen Trade Dollars forwarded to you on the 2d inst.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington
D. C.

Feby 6 4

Sir

Your letter of Jany 29th has been received.

Under existing regulations, the proceeds of Silver bullion coined here could not be paid to you by the Mint at San Francisco. There is however a bill pending before Congress, that, if it becomes a law, will probably permit this to be done.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Ross Snowden
Superintendent

C. H. Parker, Esq
Banker,
San Francisco
Cal.

Feby 6 4

Sir

By directions of the Secretary of the Treasury, I forward to you to day by the Adams Express Company, whose receipt I enclose, Two hundred and ninety seven thousand Nine hundred and sixty six $\frac{33}{100}$ Dollars. ($297.966.\frac{33}{100}$) in gold coin, the proceeds of the recoinage of $300.000 light gold coin received Jany 12. 1874. from the Asst Treasurer U.S. at New Orleans. La. Enclosed I forward the Mint Memorandum, and have to request that you will send me suitable vouchers for this remittance.

Very Respectfully
A. Boteler
Superintendent

Thos. Hillhouse. Esq.
Asst. Treas. U. S.
New York

Febry 6th 4

Sir.

Enclosed I transmit my a/c. of Ordinary Expenses for January 1874.

Very Respectfully Yours

J. A. Pearce
Supt.

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Treasury Dept.
Washington
D.C.

Feby 7 74

Sir

In overlooking the packages of reserved coins for the annual assay, our Cashier and Assistant Assayer discovered the following omissions in the Statements heretofore forwarded to you.

There should be added for August 1873

Reserved coins - 1 Trade Dollar
1 Half "
1 Quarter "
1 Dime

Deliveries - $1.00 in Trade Dollars
.50 " Half "
.25 " Quarter "
.10 " Dimes

$1.85

For September 1873.

Reserved Coins - 6 Trade Dollars
1 Half "
1 Quarter "
1 Dime

Deliveries $9.600 in Trade Dollars
150 " Half "
25 " Quarter "
10 " Dimes

$9.785

For December 1873.

Reserved Coins - 13 Double Eagles

Deliveries $245.000 in Double Eagles.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Superintendent

Hon
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feby 7 7

Sir

By direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, I forward to you to day by the Adams Express Company, whose receipt I enclose, one hundred and twenty three thousand three hundred and eighty six 05 dollars, ($123,386.05) in gold coin, the proceeds of the recoinage of $124,286.50 light gold coin received January 19. 1874. from the Asst Treasurer U.S. at Baltimore, Md. I enclose the Mint memorandum, and will thank you to forward the usual vouchers.

Very Respectfully

[signature]

Superintendent

Thos. Hillhouse. Esq
Asst Treasurer U.S.
New York

Feby 7 74

Sir

Inclosed I forward Weekly Report of the Coinage at this Mint for the week ending February 7. 1874.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feby 9 4

Sir

Your letter of the 7th inst. has been received.

The Trade Dollar weighs 420 grains; the "regular American silver dollar" weighs 412½ grains. They each contain 900 parts pure silver and 100 parts alloy. Since the 1st of April last, the Trade Dollar has taken the place of the old silver dollar, which is no longer coined.

Yours Respctly

Jas. Pollock

Supt.

Mr.
Jos H. Girvin
Albany
N.Y.

Feby 9 '74

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward a Statement of losses in melting Gold at this Mint from Oct 1. 1873. to Dec 31. 1873. also a Statement of losses in melting Silver, during the same period. Together with a copy of an explanation letter from Prof Booth. our Melter and Refiner.

Very Respectfully
[signature]
Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feb. 9th 1874

Cashier U.S. Mint
Philadelphia
Pa.

Sir:

You will please deliver to the Melter and Refiner, for melting and Recoinage from the "Base Coin Redemption Fund" Seven Thousand (7,000.00) Dollars in two (2) ct Bronze Coin and Four Hundred and Sixty (460.00) Dollars in One (1) ct Bronze, Initiated Coin, as per authority of the Director of the Mint in his letter and Telegram of 24th April 1873 also his letter of 31st January 1874

J. P. Lloyd
Superintendent

Feby 9 4

Sir

Your letter of the 6th inst. referring to me for report the letter of J. F. Geddings, Esq. Asst Treasurer U.S. at Charleston S.C. in relation to the charges of the Express Company for returning to the Mint "empty boxes that contained nickel coin" has been received.

I submitted the papers to the Agent of the Adams Express Company here, and now enclose his reply, from which it appears that the "boxes" were substituted for bags at the request of the President of the Company, and the same by his direction were to be returned to the Mint without charge. Such has been the practice. and no

charge

should be made in this case.

The Adams Express Company will satisfactorily arrange the matter.

I return the letter of the Asst Treasurer. Mr Geddings

Very Respectfully

J. W. Powell

Superintendent

Obon.

B. A. Sawyer

Asst Secretary of the Treasury,

Washington

D.C.

Feby 9 4

Sir

Your letter of the 4th inst. has been received.

No gold or silver from you, as stated in your letter, has been received at the Mint from the Express Co. or S Rentals, in whose care it seems it was sent.

I enclose copy of letter received from Capt Adams Express Co. who has his office in the Mint, on the subject. What he says of the silver is true of the gold.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Calvin J Cowles, Esq
Assayer U.S. Assay Office.
Charlotte
N. C.

Feby. 10 74

Sir

Respectfully referring to your letter (R. L.) of December 16th 1873. I forward herewith certificate of deposit No 805. February 9. 1874. from the Asst Treasurer U. S at New York, in my favor, for Two hundred and ninety seven thousand nine hundred and sixty six dollars ($297. 966) gold coin, the proceeds of the recoinage of $300.000. (nominal value) light gold coin, received January 12. 1874. from the Asst Treasurer U. S. at New Orleans, La. for re-coinage.

I also enclose the mint memorandum. No. 52.

Very Respectfully

J. R. Snowden
Superintendent

Hon.
Wm A Richardson
Secretary of the Treasury.

Feby 10 4

Sir

Your letter of the 6th inst. endorsed on the letter of A. G. Edwards Asst Treasurer U.S. at St Louis of the 2d inst. requesting me to forward to Mr Edwards the tags on the bags in which the counterfeit coins, referred to in his letter of the 29th ult. were found, has been received.

The counterfeit gold coins $34.50 were returned to him on the 2d inst. by Adams Express Co. as directed in your letter of the 30th ult. but the tags cannot be returned as they were not preserved.

The note of Mr Edwards is herewith returned.

Very Respectfully

Chas. E. Leland
Superintendent

Hon.
L. A. Lawyer.
Asst. Secretary of the Treasury

Feby 10 74

Sir

In accordance with instructions from the Secretary of the Treasury, under date of December 16. 1873. I deposited on the 9th inst. with the Asst Treasurer. U. S. at New York. to the credit of the Treasurer U. S. Two hundred and ninety seven thousand nine hundred and sixty six dollars. ($297.966) gold coin. the proceeds of the recoinage of $300.000. light gold coin. (nominal value) received from your office. by Express. Jany 12. 1874. and I have this day forwarded the certificate of deposit to the Secretary of the Treasury.

I herewith enclose the Mint memorandum. No. 52.

Very respectfully

B. L. Eslanders. Esq
Asst. Treas. U.S. New Orleans.

Feby 11 74

Sir

Respectfully referring to your letters of December 16. 1873. and January 9. 1874. (R.L) I herewith forward b/d. No 346. February 10th. from the Asst Treasurer U.S. at New York for One hundred and twenty three thousand, three hundred and eighty six $^{05}/_{100}$ Dollars, ($123.386 $^{05}/_{100}$) gold coin, deposited by me to the credit of the Treasurer U.S. being the proceeds of the recoinage of $123.386.05 tale values light gold coin, received January 19. 1874. from the Asst. U.S. Treasurer at Baltimore Md. from recoinage.

I also enclose the Mint memorandum.

Very Respectfully

Hon. Wm A Richardson.
Secretary of the Treasury.

Feby 11 4

Sir

On the 10th inst. I deposited with the Asst Treasurer, U.S at New York, in pursuance of directions from the Secretary of the Treasury, under date of Jany 9. 1874. One hundred and twenty three thousand, three hundred and eighty six 25/100 Dollars ($123.386.25/100) gold coin, to the credit of the Treasurer U.S. being the proceeds of the recoinage $124.286.50/100 tale value, eight gold coin, deposited by you Jany 19. 1874. for recoinage; and have to today forwarded the C/D to the Secretary.

I enclose herewith the Mint memorandum. No. 86.

Very Respectfully
J. A. Pollock
Superintendent

Thos H. H. Leary, Esq
Asst Treasurer, U.S.
Baltimore Md

Febry 13th 4

Sir.

As requested in yours of the 10th inst I hand you herewith Statements of the Redemption, Reissue and Melting a/cs of Minor Coins to the close of January 1874.

Also a Statement of Light Gold Coins received and recoined to Febry 12th 1874.

Yours Very Respectfully

[signature]

Superintendent

Hon. F. E. Spinner
Treasurer U. S.
Washington
D. C.

Feby 13 4

Sir

In pursuance of instructions from the Secretary of the Treasury under date of December 16. 1873. I forward to you to day by the Adams Express Company. whose receipt I enclose, Nine hundred and ninety one 63/100 Dollars. ($991.63/100) gold coin. the proceeds of the recoinage of $1000. light coin, received January 30. 1874. from the Asst Treasurer. U.S. at St Louis, Mo. for recoinage.

I enclose the Mint memorandum No. 129.

Very Respectfully
[signature]
Superintendent

Thos. Hillhouse Esq
Asst Treasurer. U.S.
New York.

Feby 13 74

Sir

In pursuance of instructions from the Secretary of the Treasury under date of December 16. 1873. I forward to you to day by the Adams Express Company. whose receipt I enclose, Nine hundred and ninety one $^{62}/_{100}$ Dollars. ($991 $^{62}/_{100}$) gold coin. the proceeds of the recoinage of $1000. light coin. received January 30. 1874. from the Asst Treasurer. U.S. at St Louis. Mo. for recoinage.

I enclose the Mint memorandum No. 129.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]
Superintendent

Thos. Hillhouse Esq
Asst Treasurer. U.S.
New York.

Feby 13 4

Sir

By direction of the Secretary of the Treasury I forward to you to day by the Adams Express Company, as per the enclosed receipt, as a transfer of funds from the Asst Treasurer. U.S. at St Louis, Mo. Three hundred and twenty two thousand five hundred and eighty eight 50/100 Dollars ($322,588.50) gold coin. the same having been forwarded to the Mint for recoinage, but proved not to be light weight.

I will thank you to forward me the usual b/c.

Very Respectfully

[signature]

Superintendent

Thos Hillhouse. Esq
Asst Treasurer U.S.
New York

Feby 14 4

Gentlemen

Your letter of the 13th inst has been received.

All our sweeps on hand were sold a few weeks since, and there will be no further sales for some months to come. Your name has been entered on our list, and you will receive notice of the next opportunity to bid.

Very Respectfully
J. F. Pollock
Supt.

Messrs
Dodge & Caffey
New York

Feby 16 4

Sir

Your letter of the 11th inst. asking the value of cents of 1857 & 8, has been received.

In reply, would inform you that they are worth but one cent, and contain no gold.

Yours Respectfully

Supt.

J. H. W. Kincaid Esq
Catlettsburg
Ky

Febry 16th - 4

Sir.

You will please draw your Transfer Order upon me for the sum of Fifty Thousand (50.000) Dollars to reimburse you, in part, for minor Coins withdrawn from the Minor Coinage Redemption Fund, and melted.

Very Respectfully Yours

J. W. Pollock
Superintendent

Hon F. E. Spinner
Treasurer U. S.
Washington
D. C.

Feby 16 4

Sir

Enclosed I forward memorandum. No. 129. of the recoinage of $1.000 light gold coin. received from you on the 30th of Jany 1874. The proceeds $991.63 I deposited with the Asst Treasurer U.S. at New York, to the credit of the Treasurer U.S. and have to day forwarded the Certificate to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Very Respectfully

J. W. Pickel

Superintendent

A. G. Edwards. Esq
Asst Treasurer. U.S.
St Louis
Mo

Feby 16

Sir

Enclosed I forward l/s
February 14. 1874. No 209. from
the Asst Treasurer. U. S. at New
York. for $991.60 the proceeds
of the recoinage of $1.000 light
gold coin. received January 30.
1874. from the Asst Treasurer.
U.S at St Louis. Mo.

The Mint memorandum. No.
129. is also enclosed.

Very Respectfully
[signature]
Superintendent

Hon
Wm A Richardson.
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington
D.C.

Feb 16 4

Sir

The lumps and slag which you sent, are a mixture of iron, tin, ~~antimony~~, copper &c. without any trace of silver, and of no value.

The usual Mint Charge for these examinations is Five dollars, but in this case we will make no charge.

Enclosed we return the twenty five cents sent by you.

Yours resp'y

J. A. Pollock
Superint.

Mr. R. A. Wilson
Otsego
Muskingum Co.
Ohio

Feby 16 4

Sir

By direction of the Secretary of the Treasury. I forward you today by the Adams Express Company, as per enclosed receipt. Fifty six thousand, six hundred and seventy two $\frac{56}{100}$ Dollars ($56.672.$\frac{56}{100}$) gold coin. the proceeds of the recoinage of $60.000 light gold coin received Feby 2. from the Asst Treasurer U.S. at New Orleans, to be deposited to the credit of the Treasurer, U.S. and b/d forwarded to me

Mint memorandum. No 142. is also enclosed

Very Respectfully

[signature]

Thos Hillhouse, Esq
Asst Treasurer. U.S.
New York.

Feby 27 4

Sir

Your letter of the 16th inst. asking information in regard to the pattern cent of 1856. has been received.

In reply would say that we have no cents of that date on hand. for sale. either proof or otherwise.

Very Respectly
J. A. Green
Supt.

Mr. David Proskey.
New York.

Feby 15 7

Sir

Your letter of the 16th Inst. enclosing sample of ore, has been received.

Upon examination we find it is a combination of mica and iron, very common, and of little value.

Very Respectfully

Capt.

Mr. Jacob Kister.
Sugarvalley P.O.
Pa

Feby 19 4

Sir

Your letter of the 17th inst has been received.

In reply would inform you that the first U. S cents were coined in the year 1793.

The Mint does not keep coins for sale, except proof sets of the present year.

I enclose card of a coin dealer from whome you can obtain any information in regard to the price &c of coins you may wish.

Enclosed find Medal Circular.

Yours Respctly

J. A. Roebel

Supt

Mr

Wm Griffith

Lower Providence P.O.

Montgomery Co. Pa

Feby 19 4

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 08th inst., I herewith send one dollar and fifty cents, silver, to pay for three Bolivian coins assayed for the U. S. Minister in Bolivia. This is as near as we can come to the value, in silver.

Very respectfully
your obt servant

[illegible]

Superintt

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director &c &c

Feby 19 74

Sir

I have this day returned to the bullion fund of this Mint the amount of gold and silver coins reserved for annual assay for the year 1873. and tested before the Assay Commission held here Feby 11. 12. and 13. 1874. viz.

Gold	$ 36.420.70
Silver	1.333.32
	$ 37.754.02

I also hold subject to order the following gold and silver coins reserved for assay for same year at the Mints named below. viz.

At San Francisco.

Gold	$ 19.002.50
Silver. Trade Dollars	368.00

Silver Sub coin 101.45
Total gold and silver $19.471.95

At Carson Mint

Gold 655.00
Silver Trade Dollars 69.00
" Sub coin 77.75
Total $801.75

I also hold, as per report of Mr DuBois, the following proceeds of Special assay coins sent for assay to this Mint to Feby 3. 1874. viz.

San Francisco

Gold 5.375 ozs. value $100.00
Silver 5.175 " " 6.00
Total $106.00

Carson Mint

Gold 8.600 ozs. value $160.00
Silver 8.725 " " 10.25
Total $170.25

Recapitulation

Mint at San Francisco

Gold and Silver Annual Assay coins		$19.471.95
" " " Special " "		106.00
Total		$19.577.95

Carson City Mint

Gold and silver Annual Assay coins		$801.75
" " " Special " "		170.25
Total		$972.00

You will please notify the respective Mints to draw on me for the amounts to their credit, or direct the same to be deposited to their credit with the Asst Treasurer. U.S. at Philadelphia. or say in what manner I shall dispose of the coins held by me.

Very Respectfully

[signature]

Superintendent

Hon.

H. R. Linderman.

Director of the Mint.

Washington. D.C.

Feby 20 74

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward quarterly statement showing the workings of Gold and Silver in the Coiners Department from April 1st 1873. to December 31st 1873. exhibiting the loss on each separate working in the various processes, as well as the apparent gain from the Rolls.

Very Respectfully
J. W. Pollock
Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feby 20th 4

Sir

I have this day forwarded to you "a copy of each of the blank forms used in the transaction of business in" this Mint, as requested in your letter of the 18th instant

Very Respectfully

Jas. Cowell
Superintendent

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Feby 20 74

Sir

Enclosed I forward b/e. from the Asst Treasurer U.S. at New York Feby 18. 1874. No. 313. for fifty nine thousand six hundred and seventy two ~~ths~~ Dollars. ($59.672.~~ths~~) coin. proceeds of the recoinage of $60.000 light gold coin received Feby 2. 1874 from the Asst Treasurer U.S. at New Orleans. La. I also enclose the Mint Memorandum No 142.

Very Respectfully.

J. A. Pollock

Superintendent

Hon.
Wm A Richardson.
Secretary of the Treasury.
Washington
D.C

Feby 20 1854

Sir

On the 18th inst I deposited with the Asst Treasurer U.S. at New York, by direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, Fifty six thousand six hundred and seventy two $\frac{67}{100}$ dollars ($56672\frac{67}{100}$) the proceeds of the recoinage of $60,000 light gold coin, received from you on the 2d of Feby inst, and have to day forwarded the original d/s to the Secretary of the Treasury.

I herewith enclose the Mint Memorandum No 142.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt.

Benjamin L Flanders, Esq
Asst Treasurer U.S
New Orleans
La

Feby 20 4

Sir

On the 13th of Feby. inst. I forwarded to you per the Adams Exp. Company, by direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, Three hundred and twenty two thousand, five hundred and eighty eight 50/100 Dollars ($322.588.5) gold coin, received from the Asst Treasurer U.S. at St Louis, Mo. as specified in my letter to you of the date, but I have not yet received C/D. or any other acknowledgment from you, Please let me hear from you on this point by return mail

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Superintendent

Thos Hillhouse, Esq
Asst Treasurer U.S.
New York

Feby 20 4

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 16th inst. I enclose herewith a copy of a communication from the Coiner of this Mint giving an estimate of the amounts of Trade Dollars and Dimes respectively that can probably be furnished weekly to the New York Assay Office, melting at the same time the other coinage required.

Very Respectfully

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Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feby 21 74

Sir

I have to inform you of the death of George. E. Clark of the Mint Coinage Redemption Department who died February 9. 1874. aged 43 years

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman,
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feby 21 74

Sir

Enclosed I forward Weekly Reports of the Coinage at this Mint for the weeks ending February 14. and 21. 1874. respectively.

Very respectfully

A. Loudon
Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington
D.C.

Feby 21 4

Sir

Your inquiry of the 20th inst, as to the price of chemicaly pure nitric acid, has been received.

The only purchase of pure nitric acid made by us during the last two months, was on the 24th of January, ultimo, at 11½ cents per pound.

Very Respectfully
J. A. Pollock
Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington
D.C.

Feby 21 4

Sir

Your letter of the 18th inst, requesting that a copy of the annual Assay medal of 1874 be sent to Thos L. Action, Supt New York Assay Office, and also strike a sufficient number for a few other persons there, has been received.

We will write to Mr Action and prepare a few for his friends, as requested. I do not think it advisable to issue too many, as it defeats the intention of the medal, and detracts from its value in the hands of the Commissioners as an honorary memorial of their official visit to the Mint. I will see that no very large number is issued. The medals furnished hereafter

hereafter will be subject to the Medal Regulations. The price will be one dollar in currency.

Will send to you the three Assay medals as requested.

Will reply on Monday to your other letter of the 18th inst, requesting number and disposition of Assay medals

Very Respectfully
[signature]
Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feby 23d 4

Sir

Your letter of the 18th inst, in relation to the Annual Assay medal for 1874, and asking me to report to you the number struck and the disposition made thereof, has been received.

Prior to the meeting of the Assay Commissioners Feby 11th 1874, twenty medals had been struck for that occasion, and were subsequently disposed of as follows.

To Hon Jno J Knox,	Commissioner,	1 medal
" Mr H G Torry	"	1 "
" Hon A E Borie	"	1 "
" Prof R E Rogers	"	1 "
" " J E Hilgard	"	1 "
" " Henry Coppee	"	1 "
" Dr J LeConte	"	1 "

2.

Hon. J P Jones, Commissioner, 1 medal
Andrew Mason, Esq " 1 "
E B Elliott, Esq " 1 "
Chas. M. Walker, Esq " 1 "
Dr B L Taylor " 1 "
J M Derrick, Esq " 1 "
Hon John Cadwalader " 1 "
" H R Linderman, Director, 1 "
Prof Booth, Melter & Refiner, Paid. 1 "
Mr Barber, Engraver, " 1 "
" Snowden, Coiner, " 1 "
James Pollock, Supt. " 1 "
Prof Du Bois, Assayer " 1 "
Total 20.

Since then, and the receipt of your letter, ten more have been, and fifteen will be struck, to be distributed as follows,

For Mint Cabinet 2
" Director as per letter of 18th inst, 3
" Mr Acton, N.Y. Assay office " " 10
" Medal Department sales, 10
Total 25

Thus thirty have been struck and fifteen more will be, to meet the wants of friends and collectors. The thirty struck will not have any connection with the Medal Department; those to be struck will.

I presume ten will be sufficient for Mr Acton and his friends.

Very Respectfully
[signature]
Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feby 28 64

Sir

Your letter of the 21st inst. enclosing copy of one from the Superintendent of the New York Assay Office under date of the 20th inst. complaining of the tardy delivery of Trade dollars, has been received this morning.

In compliance with your directions, every possible effort will be made to meet the New York demand for that coin, subordinating the coinage of three and one dollar pieces, and the silver quarter dollar and dimes.

I should add in this connection, that we are embarrassed by the fluctuating, and sometimes contradictory orders from the New York

Assay office for coinage of various denominations, all to be filled immediately, yet some of these changed while the coins specified are in process of manufacture.

You will see by the Cashiers daily statement of the 21st inst, that there was due the New York Assay office on that day, nearly half a million of dollars in the smaller gold coins, and more than that in double eagles, also a quarter of a million dollars in half dollars and dimes, besides trade dollars, for all of which the demand upon us has been as clamorous as it now is for the Trade Dollars. No later than Friday last, the very date of the letter to you about the trade dollars, we received an order for $120 815 $\frac{98}{100}$ in gold dollars in <u>addition</u> to previous orders

for

for $100.000 of the same coin, and are this morning pressed for them. You can understand the amount of manipulation that would be required to fill such orders.

I have to day forwarded twenty thousand Trade Dollars to the New York office, and will continue to make as rapid and large deliveries of this coin as possible, and shall be governed by your instructions rather than the orders of the New York office.

An adequate bullion fund would be a great relief.

Very Respectfully
J. W. Powell
Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feby 23 4

Sir

I duly received your letter of the 19th inst. enclosing for assay three samples of Chinese gold leaf forwarded to you by the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco.

The specimens have been carefully analyzed by our assayer, and I herewith enclose his report, which you will find to be a very suggestive and interesting document.

In my judgment this gold must be used almost exclusively by the Chinese for gilding their idols, altars, temples &c, and for this reason, as well as its evident cost of manufacture, I agree with Prof Du Bois, that it is not probable

that a very large amount of bullion in this form will reach this country, in the way of trade.

The assay memorandum accompanying the samples is herewith returned.

Very Respectfully
J. A. Bowery
Superintendent.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington
D.C.

Feby 23 4

Hon: James Pollock
Superintendent &c
Sir

I have to report upon certain samples of Chinese gold leaf, sent for assay from San Francisco, through the Director of the Mint.

Three were three leaves, which were assayed separately, as directed. They yielded as follows:

No. 1, 987.7 thous.
2, 987.8 "
3, 992.0 "

They therefore fall short of "100 touch," as certified by the Hongkong Memorandum, which is herewith returned.

The term "touch" is derived from the touchstone, by which crude method it was formerly the custom to assay, on the Chinese coasts. We need not be surprised that they

in this remarkable land of barbarism and civilization. Commercial fine gold reaches a higher figure, in Europe and America, at present; although, not many years ago, it ranked no higher than these Chinese loaves. But then, the sycee gold of China, in former years, was not above 9½ touch, or 940 thousandths.

I do not know by what process the Chinese refine gold and silver; no doubt now by the mineral acids, at the commercial ports. The Orientals and the Ancients had other ways of refining, equally effective, though not as cheap. Gold coins of the Great Mogul of India have proved to be 1000, or absolutely fine; and these date back two centuries. Gold coins of ancient Egypt, perhaps ~~twenty~~ twenty centuries old, have been found to be 995 fine.

Very respectfully
Wm E Du Bois
Assayer

P.S.
The value of the gold sent here, is $2.20.)

thus over-rate the gold by about 1 touch, 2
or one per cent. Commercially however, it is
fine gold, or 足色, in the Chinese term.
Considered as bullion, it is worth $20.46 per
ounce troy, in our gold coin.

I should be greatly surprised, if, as
the Supt. at the San Francisco Mint sup-
poses, "a considerable quantity of this bullion
will reach the Mint in the course of trade."
This leaf, although much thicker than the
leaf made here for gilding purposes, must
cost a great deal of labor in beating out,
probably 5 per cent. above the value in bars.

I find that one square inch of these leaves
(average) weighs 3½ grains; while the same
size of Ticklinder's leaf weighs only 1/50 grain.
It does not appear what the Chinese leaf is
made for; being rather thicker than dentists foil,
and probably unfit otherwise for that use.

This examination has been very interesting,
as seeming to show what degree of perfection
has been attained in the refining of gold,

Feby 24 4

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward my requisition of this date, for the sum of Thirty thousand, one hundred and fifty eight 84/100 Dollars, for Salaries, Wages and Contingencies for the Month of March, proximo, and have to request that a draft for the amount be forwarded to me at as early a day as may be possible.

Very Respectfully

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Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feby 24 4

Sir

Your letter of the 19th inst. in reference to our mode of taking the gold and silver coins for the Assay &c. has been received.

The allegation "by one or more of the Assay Commissioners" that both the gold and silver coins of the Philadelphia Mint had been weighed at the time of taking them for the Assay, and before sealing them up: is, as a whole, simply untrue. Why any of the Commissioners should make these allegations, and at the same time forbear to ask explanations from the officers or Superintendent of the Mint, is something I cannot understand.

Our method of taking the gold and silver coins for the Mint is, and has been, in full conformity to law and regulation. With a slight exception for a very brief period, our practice has been as follows, viz.

When the gold and silver coins are brought into the office of the Assayer they are weighed in mass, and afterwards a large number of single pieces separately; and when delivered to the Superintendent a large number of single pieces are separately weighed, or the whole by single pieces, if necessary in the judgment of the Superintendent. At every such delivery of coins by the Assayer to the Superintendent, he in the presence of the Assayer takes indiscriminately a certain number of pieces

pieces, (not heretofore weighed) for the annual trial, in the proportion directed by law, and the pieces so taken are placed in envelopes and carefully sealed. This has been our uniform practice with all our gold and adjusted silver coins; and was done during the year 1873, except during the great pressure for the smaller gold coins in part of November and December. During this time, to avoid the danger of throwing upon the community gold coins outside the legal standard, the coins, (after the first weighing) were taken indiscriminately from those not weighed, and weighed separately, and in every instance without exception found of the true weight and were then placed in envelopes and sealed.

In all this there was no violation of Law; unless the Law be regarded as a trap for the operative officers of the Mint, and a means of throwing upon the community a coinage of illegal weight.

Our unadjusted silver coins, the subsidiary halves, quarters and dimes, were first weighed by single pieces in large numbers, then indiscriminately taken for the trap from those not weighed, and as precautionary and wise, weighed and placed in envelopes.

If we were required to adjust all the subsidiary silver coins, dimes, quarters and halves, our force of adjusters would be not only wholly inadequate, but an increase of fourfold the number be required, and then we could not meet the demand for such coin. If adjusted,

weighed. selected indiscriminately &c, what advantage over the present and past methods of taking such coin?. None. Those who preceeded us and understood their duty and the rights of the public. practised this method, and every consideration of public interest, economy. and promptness of delivery, protection to the operative officers. and community requires its continuance.

Let us look at the law for a moment. Nothing therein prevents the weighing of the whole number of single pieces when delivered to the Superintendent if he requires it; on the contrary, if necessary, the whole number must be weighed. Would it be wrong, or contrary to law, after such weighing? to take the pyx indiscriminately from the coins thus weighed? Certainly no lawyer or sensible man would say so.

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and. is not wrong when all are weighed, where the wrong when a limited number are weighed to secure safety to the officers, and true coin for the public? Thus in full compliance with the law, in letter and spirit, every coin, adjusted or unadjusted, would be weighed before being placed in the envelopes.

Except in the months referred to, we have followed the rule, more stringently established a few years ago, for the gold and adjusted silver coin,- the exceptions proving the rule, and the rule in its suspension proving the value and importance of the exceptions.

I have always said, and believe, that to require the pyx to be taken indiscriminately without weighing, or any test of their being within the standard

was a snare to the officers, and a wrong to the public. It has no foundation in reason, and fails entirely to protect the coinage, Suppose a delivery is outside the standard, but not discovered - the keys are taken and at the annual assay it is ascertained that a number of deliveries, made during the year, were illegal - What is the remedy? The officers are punished for an offence not intentionally committed - for an error that could by a very easy and proper method have been discovered and corrected; but not having been discovered at the proper time the community have been wronged and the integrity of the coinage of the country impaired. A stern rule and, a bad result.

There is great folly in too many rules. Something is due to the

the intrinsic and moral worth of those who conduct our Institutions. If integrity is wanting all the rules that can be made are so much useless lumber. They only confuse and embarrass. The present laws fairly interpreted fully meet the case. Too strict construction would be folly and accomplish no good.

As a rule then, we take our adjusted gold and silver pyx indiscriminately without weighing, unless public necessity requires a brief suspension of the rule. Our unadjusted silver subsidiary coin we weigh largely by single pieces. Then take the pyx indiscriminately, (unweighed,) and after weighing place them in the envelopes. This has been the uniform practice under all administrations. These rules are

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not contrary to law, - are true to its spirit, - wise in their application to the exigencies of our Minting Institutions, - just to our operative officers, - economical in their practical results, and therefore should not be changed, and cannot be changed without embarrassing the operations of the Mint and reducing greatly its capacity for coinage.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington
D.C.

Feby 24 4

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director &c. &c.
Sir

The bits of gold from the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City, ~~and~~ sent by you for assay, result as follows:

Gold 711½ thous.
Silver 260 "

See letter February 21st 1874.

Very respectfully
Your obt servt
[signature]
Supdt

Feby 26 74

Sir

I forward to you to day by the Adams Express Company, as a deposit to the credit of the Treasurer, U. S. Three hundred and seventy four thousand, seven hundred and ninety one $\frac{92}{100}$ Dollars ($374.791.92) gold coin, the proceeds of the recoinage of $378.877. light coin, received Jany 17. 1874. from the Asst Treasurer U. S. at St Louis, Mo. and will thank you for the usual b/c.

Express receipt, and Mint Memorandum. No. 80. herewith enclosed.

Very Respectfully

Superintendent

Thos Hillhouse, Esq
Asst Treasurer U. S.
New York.

Feby 27 4

Sir

In pursuance of instructions from the Director of the Mint you will please prepare the following dies for the Mint at San Francisco, as soon as may be practicable.

12 Obverse Trade Dollars
6 Reverse " "
6 Obverse Half-Dollars
6 Reverse " "
2 Obverse Quarter Dollars
2 Reverse " "
6 Obverse Double Eagles
10 Reverse " "

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Supt.

Wm. Barber. Esq
Engraver.

Feby 27 74

Sir

In pursuance of instructions from the Director of the Mint, you will please prepare, at your very earliest convenience,

6 Reverse Trade Dollar dies
4 obverse do do do
for the Carson Mint, of the dimensions of the accompanying sketch, and tempered and hardened throughout

Very Respectfully

Supt

Wm Barber Esq
Engraver

Feby 27 74

Gentlemen.

Dr. H. R. Linderman. Director of the Mint. Washington D.C. wants one set of reading Plates each for Double Eagles. Eagles. Half Eagles. Trade Dollars. Quarter Dollars. and Dimes. for the Mint at Carson. and requests that you communicate with him in regard to their manufacture. We cannot make them in the Mint.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Messrs. Morgan & Orr.
No. 9 Bellevue Hill St.
Phila.

Feby 27 4

Sir

I have this morning received from H. G. Torry. New York. the enclosed duplicate bill for his expenses $25. as Assay Commissioner, which I forward for your approval. If approved, please return it to me with directions to pay it, and it will be settled accordingly.

Very Respectfully
[signature]
Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington
D.C.

Feby 27 4

Sir

I have sent you to day by the Adams Express Company, the six Pattern Trade Dollars and case ordered by you for the Secretary of War in your letter of the 20th inst. Also three Essay Medals ordered to be forwarded to you in your note of recent date.

I enclose the bill made out in my name. Total amount $14.82/100 in currency, which you can remit to me by your check.

Very Respectfully
A. Loudon
Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feby 28 4

Sir

The dies ordered in your letter of the 26th inst. for the Mints at Carson and San Francisco. will be prepared and forwarded as soon as possible. The radius plates for the Carson Mint we cannot make in the Mint, and in compliance with your directions. I turned the order over to Mess Morgan & Orr, and requested them to communicate with you on the subject.

Very Respectfully
[signature]
Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feby 28 4

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward to No. 18, Feby 27. from the Asst Treasurer U.S. at New York, for Three hundred and seventy four Thousand, seven hundred and ninety one 63/100 Dollars ($374.791.63) gold coin, the proceeds of the recoinage of $378.877.00 light coin received January 17th. ultimo. from the Asst Treasurer. U.S. at St Louis. Mo. I also enclose Mint Memorandum No. 80.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Superintendent

Hon.
Wm A Richardson.
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington
D.C.